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SONIC SUPER DIGEST

BIG THE CAT
SELF-EXPLANATORY
GET THESE THINGS OFF MY SHIP!
WORKING ON IT!
ROTOR WALRUS
SKY PATROL CAPTAIN
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
FLYING GENIUS
SALLY ACORN
ROYAL TACTICIAN
SPARK OF LIFE
=PART ONE=
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HOW LONG TILL SUNRISE?!
NICOLE
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
LESS THAN THREE MINUTES! PRECISELY, TWO MINUTES, SEVENTEEN--
I DON'T THINK WE HAVE--AHH!
DARK GAIA CREATURES
NIGHT TERRORS FROM THE DEEP

POMF
THANKS FOR THE SAVE!
SAME TO YOU!
Heh... THAT FELT LIKE A LONG TWO MINUTES.

IS EVERY-ONE OKAY?!
NO WORRIES, CREAM. WE'RE ALL FINE.
JUST TIRED. POOR T-PUP'S GONNA NEED REPAIRS AGAIN.
CREAM the RABBIT ALWAYS HELPFUL
UGH, SKY PATROL, TOO. NOTHING LIKE GETTING UP BEFORE THE SUN DOES...
Oh! I'LL GO MAKE SOME COFFEE.
THANKS, KIDDO.
SHE CAN MAKE COFFEE?
APPARENTLY.
WITH THE COFFEE MACHINE YOU BUILT?
IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED.
ROTOR'S ESPRESSO EXPRESS
Umm...
HSSSSSSSSS
KRASH
EEP!
GUESS CREAM AND COFFEE DON'T MIX.
PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE PROUD OF THAT JOKE.

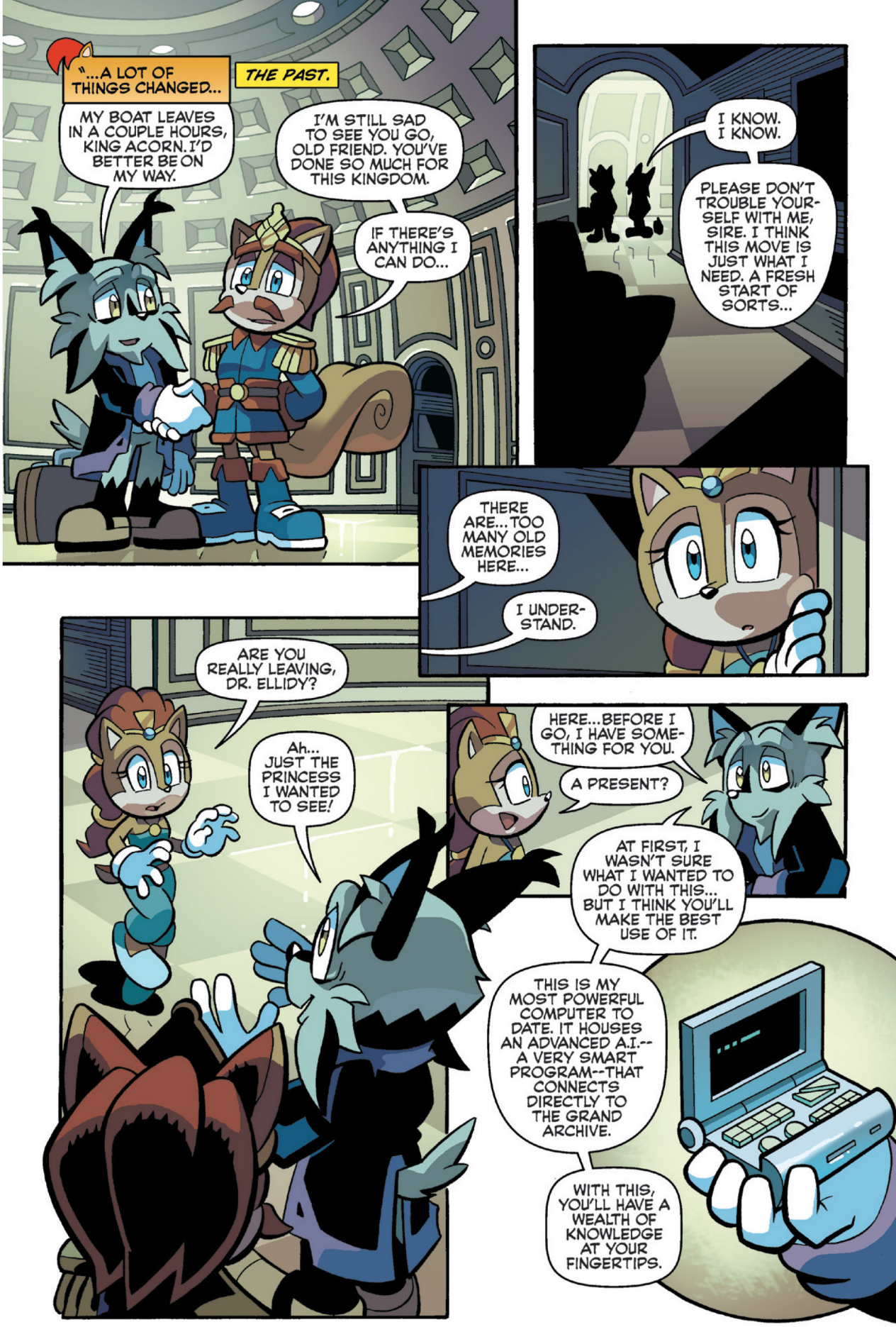
Oh SHUSH, I'M TIRED.
SALLY...I KNOW EVERYTHING TURNED OUT FOR THE BEST, BUT IF I MAY...
WHAT YOU DID BACK THERE WAS RECKLESS. CREATURES LIKE THE ONES HARASSING TAILS DISAPPEAR ONCE THE SUN RISES. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE LASTED MUCH LONGER.
I KNOW THAT. BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD JUST WATCH AND DO NOTHING, EITHER.
SIGH I UNDERSTAND. AT LEAST, I THINK I DO. BUT STILL--
AUGH!
...WHAT... DR. ELLIDY...!
SHE'S GONE!
WAIT, WHAT? NICOLE!
NOW WHAT'S WRONG?

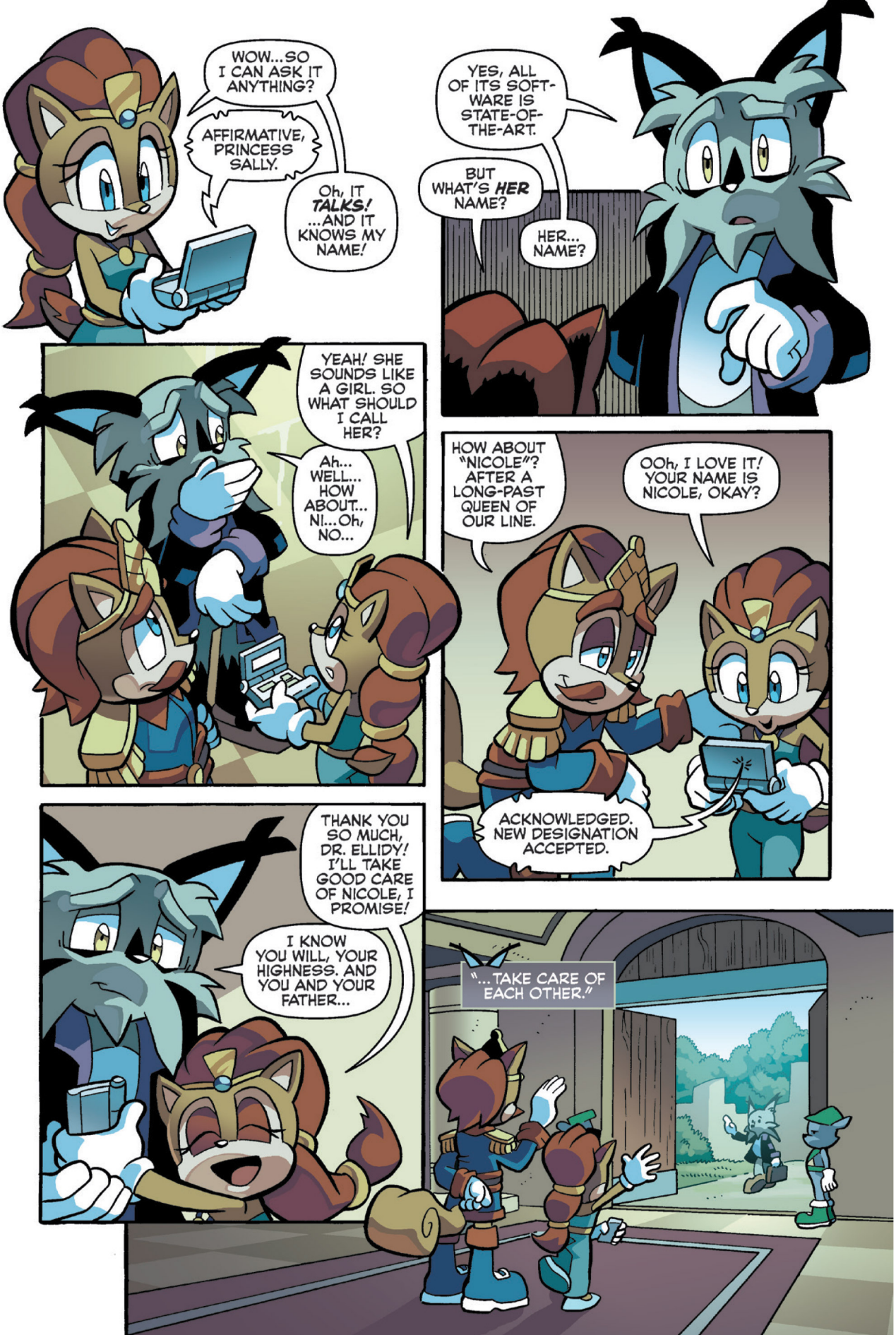
I DON'T GET IT! SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT DR. ELLIDY AND DISAPPEARED!
WE HAVEN'T HEARD THAT NAME IN A WHILE.
NICOLE ISN'T ANYWHERE IN OUR SYSTEMS. BUT...WE'RE SHOWING READINGS FROM THE DIGITAL WORLD, SO I THINK THAT'S WHERE SHE MUST'VE GONE.
SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO DR. ELLIDY...WE'D BETTER GO CHECK HIS RESIDENCE ON ISOLATED ISLAND. BUT NICOLE...
SHE CAN ALWAYS JUMP BACK FROM THE DIGITAL WORLD TO SKY PATROL'S SYSTEMS. BUT IF THE 'OL DOC'S IN TROUBLE, YOU'D BETTER GET MOVING.
OKAY! THE TORNADO WILL GET US THERE THE FASTEST. TAILS! BIG! YOU TWO ARE WITH ME! LET'S MOVE!
Um... MR. ROTOR...? WHAT'S THE "DIGITAL WORLD"?
"WHERE DID NICOLE GO?"

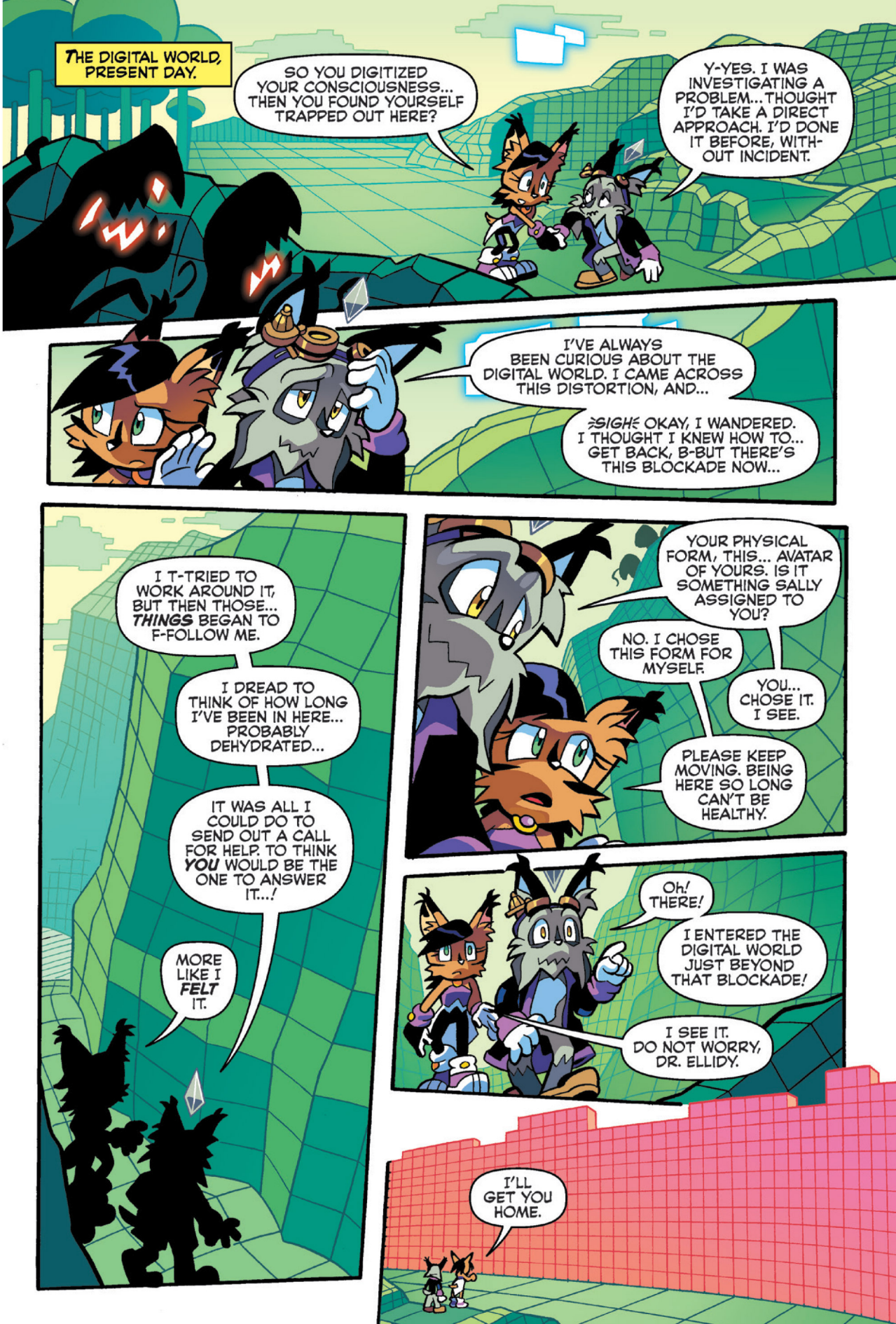
"THE DIGITAL WORLD... IT'S KIND OF LIKE AN ARTIFICIAL REALITY.
"IT DOESN'T EXIST IN THE REAL WORLD. WHICH IS TO SAY THAT WHILE IT CAN BE ACCESSED FROM COMPUTERS...
"...IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ACTUALLY "HOUSED" IN ONE ANYWHERE. IN FACT, NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM.
"IT MIGHT BE THAT THE ENTIRE DIGITAL WORLD MOVES LIKE AN INVISIBLE CLOUD, OVERLAPPING OTHER SYSTEMS.
"SOME PEOPLE THINK IT MIGHT EVEN PREDATE COMPUTING AS WE KNOW IT.
"TO BE HONEST, WHAT WE KNOW IS MORE THEORY THAN FACT.
"WHATEVER'S GOING ON... IF DR. ELLIDY IS IN TROUBLE AND CALLED OUT THROUGH THE DIGITAL WORLD SOMEHOW...
"...NICOLE MAY BE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP."

H-HELP... PLEASE... NO...NO MORE...
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
WHATEVER THESE ARE, THEY'RE INSISTENT.
I HAVE NO CHOICE...
VWOOOSH
THERE. THEY CAN'T HURT YOU.
...IT CAN'T BE... N-NIC--
HELLO, DOCTOR. I SUPPOSE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
...NICOLE...

MEANWHILE...
SONIC
I HAVEN'T SEEN DR. ELLIDY SINCE I WAS LITTLE.
Um...SO DR. ELLIDY IS NICOLE'S FATHER?
YOU COULD SAY THAT.
HE'S ALSO THE GUY WHO MADE THE MOBOTROPOLIS GRAND ARCHIVE, RIGHT? IT'S GOT INFORMATION ON JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING! I COULD SIT FOR HOURS READING IT... Uh, NOT THAT I HAVE.
WELL, NOT TOO OFTEN,
BACK WHEN HE WORKED FOR MY FATHER, HE WAS THE KINGDOM'S LEAD RESEARCHER AND DEVELOPER FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY.
HE ALSO MADE THESE RING-BLADES FOR ME, LATER ON.
THAT'S KIND OF A JUMP, ISN'T IT? GOING FROM COMPUTER DEVELOPMENT TO MAGIC RING RESEARCH?
WELL, THE RING RESEARCH STARTED AFTER HE RETIRED...

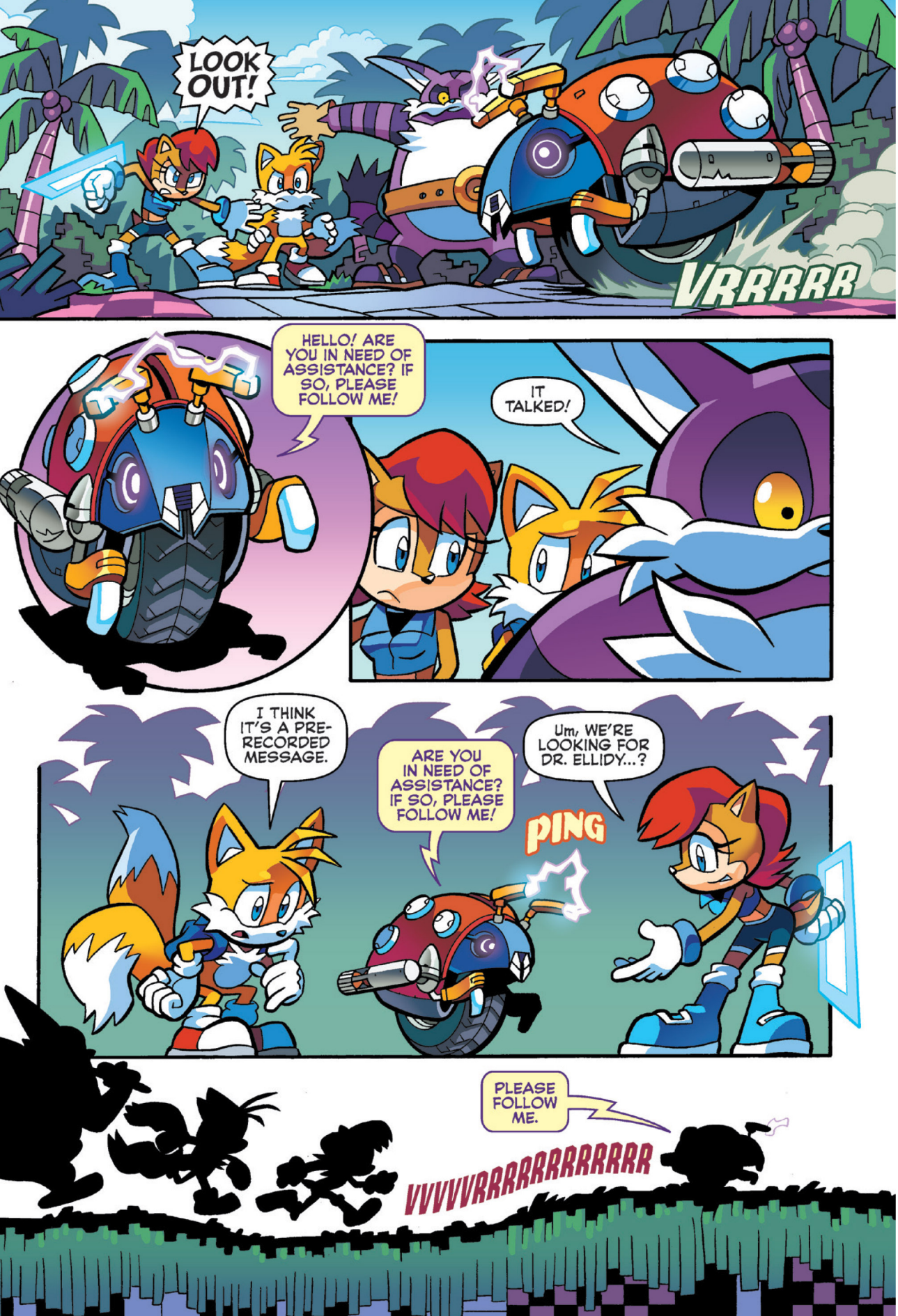

"...A LOT OF THINGS CHANGED...
THE PAST.
MY BOAT LEAVES IN A COUPLE HOURS, KING ACORN. I'D BETTER BE ON MY WAY.
I'M STILL SAD TO SEE YOU GO, OLD FRIEND. YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR THIS KINGDOM.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
I KNOW. I KNOW.
PLEASE DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH ME, SIRE. I THINK THIS MOVE IS JUST WHAT I NEED. A FRESH START OF SORTS...
THERE ARE...TOO MANY OLD MEMORIES HERE...
I UNDERSTAND.
ARE YOU REALLY LEAVING, DR. ELLIDY?
Ah... JUST THE PRINCESS I WANTED TO SEE!
HERE...BEFORE I GO, I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
A PRESENT?
AT FIRST, I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH THIS... BUT I THINK YOU'LL MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT.
THIS IS MY MOST POWERFUL COMPUTER TO DATE. IT HOUSES AN ADVANCED A.I.--A VERY SMART PROGRAM--THAT CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO THE GRAND ARCHIVE.
WITH THIS, YOU'LL HAVE A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.


WOW...SO I CAN ASK IT ANYTHING?
AFFIRMATIVE, PRINCESS SALLY.
Oh, IT TALKS! ...AND IT KNOWS MY NAME!
YES, ALL OF ITS SOFTWARE IS STATE-OF-THE-ART.
BUT WHAT'S HER NAME?
HER... NAME?
YEAH! SHE SOUNDS LIKE A GIRL. SO WHAT SHOULD I CALL HER?
Ah... WELL... HOW ABOUT... NI...Oh, NO...
HOW ABOUT "NICOLE"? AFTER A LONG-PAST QUEEN OF OUR LINE.
OOh, I LOVE IT! YOUR NAME IS NICOLE, OKAY?
ACKNOWLEDGED. NEW DESIGNATION ACCEPTED.
THANK YOU SO MUCH, DR. ELLIDY! I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF NICOLE, I PROMISE!
I KNOW YOU WILL, YOUR HIGHNESS. AND YOU AND YOUR FATHER...
"...TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER."


THE DIGITAL WORLD, PRESENT DAY.
SO YOU DIGITIZED YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS... THEN YOU FOUND YOURSELF TRAPPED OUT HERE?
Y-YES. I WAS INVESTIGATING A PROBLEM... THOUGHT I'D TAKE A DIRECT APPROACH. I'D DONE IT BEFORE, WITHOUT INCIDENT.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THE DIGITAL WORLD. I CAME ACROSS THIS DISTORTION, AND...
SIGH OKAY, I WANDERED. I THOUGHT I KNEW HOW TO... GET BACK, B-BUT THERE'S THIS BLOCKADE NOW...
I T-TRIED TO WORK AROUND IT, BUT THEN THOSE... ***THINGS*** BEGAN TO F-FOLLOW ME.
I DREAD TO THINK OF HOW LONG I'VE BEEN IN HERE... PROBABLY DEHYDRATED...
IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO SEND OUT A CALL FOR HELP. TO THINK ***YOU*** WOULD BE THE ONE TO ANSWER IT...!
MORE LIKE I ***FELT*** IT.
YOUR PHYSICAL FORM, THIS... AVATAR OF YOURS. IS IT SOMETHING SALLY ASSIGNED TO YOU?
NO. I CHOSE THIS FORM FOR MYSELF.
YOU... CHOSE IT. I SEE.
PLEASE KEEP MOVING. BEING HERE SO LONG CAN'T BE HEALTHY.
OH! THERE!
I ENTERED THE DIGITAL WORLD JUST BEYOND THAT BLOCKADE!
I SEE IT. DO NOT WORRY, DR. ELLIDY.
I'LL GET YOU HOME.

THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.
Oh, THANK GOODNESS...!
KRAK
CRUMBLE
VWOOSH
HURRY, DOCTOR.

ISOLATED ISLAND
SORRY I COULDN'T LAND US ANY CLOSER.
DR. ELLIDY'S PLACE SHOULD BE RIGHT OVER THERE.
YES. I SAW IT RIGHT BEFORE WE LANDED. LET'S GO. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANYTHING UNUSUAL.
THIS ISLAND IS NICE. REMINDS ME OF HOME.
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A LAKE OF RINGS HERE, RIGHT?
YES. DR. ELLIDY ONLY STARTED RESEARCHING RINGS ONCE HE MOVED HERE.
WHEN HE SENT ME THESE RING-BLADES, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE'D HEARD FROM HIM IN YEARS.
IT SOUNDS SO...LONELY.
YEAH.
EVEN IN THE MYSTIC RUINS, I ALWAYS HAD FROGGY WITH ME!
I HOPE NICOLE IS OKAY.
WHATEVER'S HAPPENING HERE COULD--


LOOK OUT!
VRRRRR
HELLO! ARE YOU IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE? IF SO, PLEASE FOLLOW ME!
IT TALKED!
I THINK IT'S A PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE.
ARE YOU IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE? IF SO, PLEASE FOLLOW ME!
Um, WE'RE LOOKING FOR DR. ELLIDY...?
PING
PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
VVVVRRRRRRRRRRR

I DON'T LIKE THIS.
THESE ARE ALL DR. EGGMAN'S BADNIKS... IT'S CREEPING ME OUT.
Huh. I THINK THEY'VE BEEN MODIFIED.
DR. ELLIDY? HELLO?
DOCTOR? ...Oh!
GASP!
AHH!

DR. ELLIDY! IT'S SALLY ACORN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
P-PRINCESS SALLY... WHA... Oh, MY HEAD...
PERFECT TIMING. SORRY FOR LEAVING SKY PATROL SO ABRUPTLY.
NICOLE! HERE, JUST A SEC...
THE DOCTOR HAD DIGITIZED HIS CONSCIOUSNESS AND GOTTEN TRAPPED IN THE DIGITAL WORLD FOR SEVERAL HOURS.
BIG, GET SOME WATER, PLEASE.
OKAY!
Oh, THANK YOU...
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR COMING...
IT'S THANKS TO NICOLE THAT WE EVEN KNEW YOU WERE IN TROUBLE.
IN FACT... WHY DON'T YOU THANK HER IN PERSON?
IN... IN PERSON?
...HOW...
LIKE I SAID, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
AND... I'VE LEARNED A FEW TRICKS SINCE YOU FIRST CREATED ME.

SHORTLY...
I FOUND A CAN OF BROTH IN THE KITCHEN. HOPE YOU DON'T MIND...YOU NEED TO GET YOUR STRENGTH UP.
Oh, THANK YOU.
I ADDED SOME HERBS FROM SOME OF THE POTTED PLANTS IN THERE...
TRUTH BE TOLD, WITH CREAM AND ANTOINE ON THE SKY PATROL, I DON'T GET TO COOK MUCH.
IT'S VERY... BRACING.
WELL... GOOD.
DOCTOR, IF YOU DON'T MIND...WHAT'S GOING ON?
I'M SURE YOU NOTICED MY LITTLE BADNIK BUDDIES ABOUT? LONG STORY SHORT, DR. EGGMAN LEFT THEM BEHIND AFTER SOME FAILED OPERATION OUT HERE, SO I REPURPOSED THEM.
THEY HELP WITH THE CHORES, AND I USE THEM TO MONITOR THE ISLAND. ALSO, AS OF LATE...THEY HELP DETER THOSE BEASTS THAT SOMETIMES COME LURKING AT NIGHT.
THE DARK GAIA CREATURES. WE WERE ATTACKED BY SOME THIS MORNING.

IT'S HORRIFIC. CHUCK CALLED ME TO EXPLAIN WHAT WAS GOING ON, HOPING I HAD SOME INSIGHT. NOT REALLY MY FIELD, OF COURSE...BUT I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE TAKING ACTION.
AFTER THE QUAKES,* I SENT SOME OF MY ROBOTS OUT TO INVESTIGATE. SOME OF THE FOOTAGE I RECEIVED...THE WATER JUST STOPS AND THEN, NOTHING BUT A CLOUDED ABYSS...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE OCEAN ITSELF HASN'T POURED OFF THE EDGE.
*THE WORLD SHATTERED APART IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1 GRAPHIC NOVEL--EDITOR
ACTUALLY, ABOUT THAT... "IT'S MAGIC" SUMS IT UP PRETTY WELL.*
I HATE THAT EXCUSE.
EVEN WHEN IT'S ACCURATE?
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S ACCURATE.
DOCTOR, I WANTED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU.
*WE DISCOVERED WHY IN "WAVES OF CHANGE"! STH #260-263--EDITOR
ACTUALLY...I THINK I NEED TO GO LIE DOWN. I'M STILL NOT FEELING WELL...
LET ME HELP.
NO, NO, DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF. I JUST NEED TO REST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
NICOLE... WE CAN TALK LATER.
...VERY WELL.

SALLY... AM I CAUSING DR. ELLIDY DISTRESS?
I THINK HE'S JUST HAD A ROUGH DAY, NICOLE. YOU'VE CHANGED A LOT SINCE HE LAST SAW YOU.
HE'S BEEN LIVING OUT HERE ALL ALONE FOR A WHILE NOW. I WOULDN'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY IF HE'S A BIT DISTANT. OKAY?
ALL RIGHT.
...I BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT HIM FROM LEAVING THE DIGITAL WORLD.
ACTUALLY, HE DIDN'T REALLY ANSWER MY QUESTION ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE.
HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE DIGITIZER TO TROUBLESHOOT A PROBLEM WITH THE REPROGRAMMED BADNIKS WHEN HE WAS STRANDED IN THE DIGITAL WORLD.
ABOUT THAT...
AND NOW I'M CONCERNED THAT WHATEVER OR WHOEVER PLACED THE BARRICADE MAY HAVE BEEN LED BACK HERE...
...OR MAY ALREADY BE HERE.

AN ORGANIC BEING ABLE TO PROJECT A DIGITAL BODY...
A DIGITAL BEING ABLE TO PROJECT A PHYSICAL BODY...
HOW VERY...
FASCINATING.
THERE'S A GHOST IN THE MACHINE-- BUT WILL ANYONE NOTICE IN TIME?
FIND OUT NEXT TIME IN
SPARK OF LIFE
PART TWO

PIN-UP PAGE!

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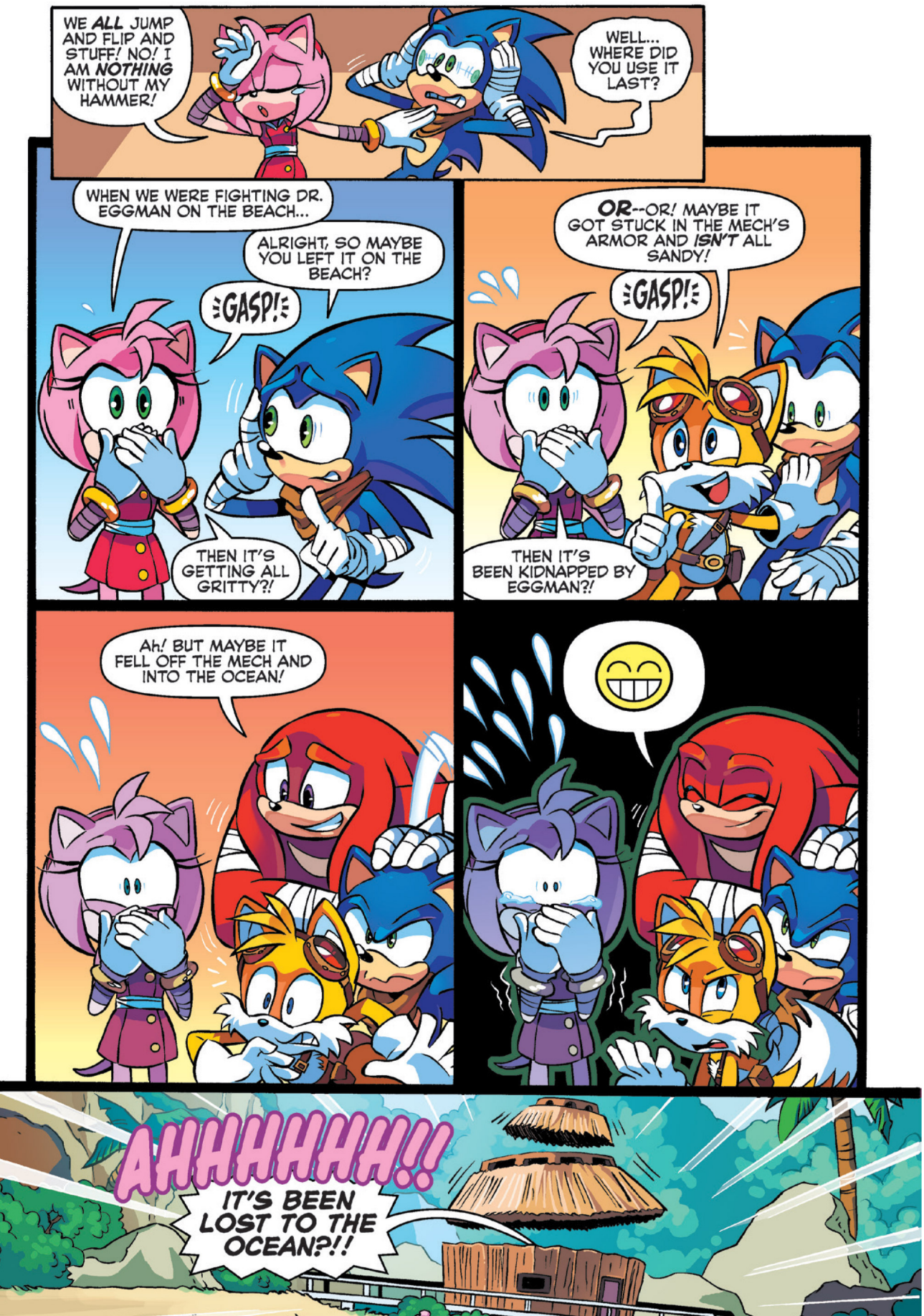
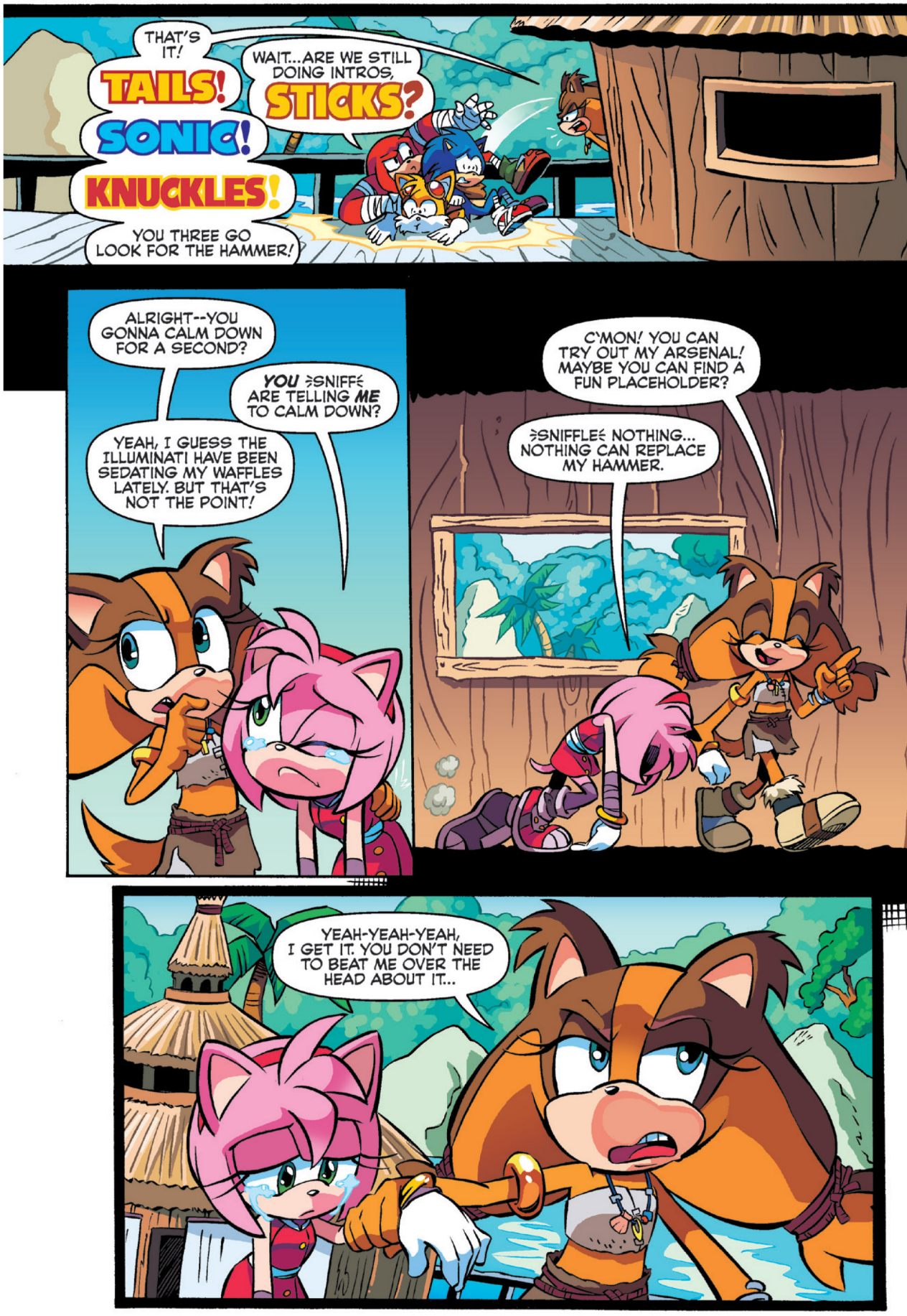
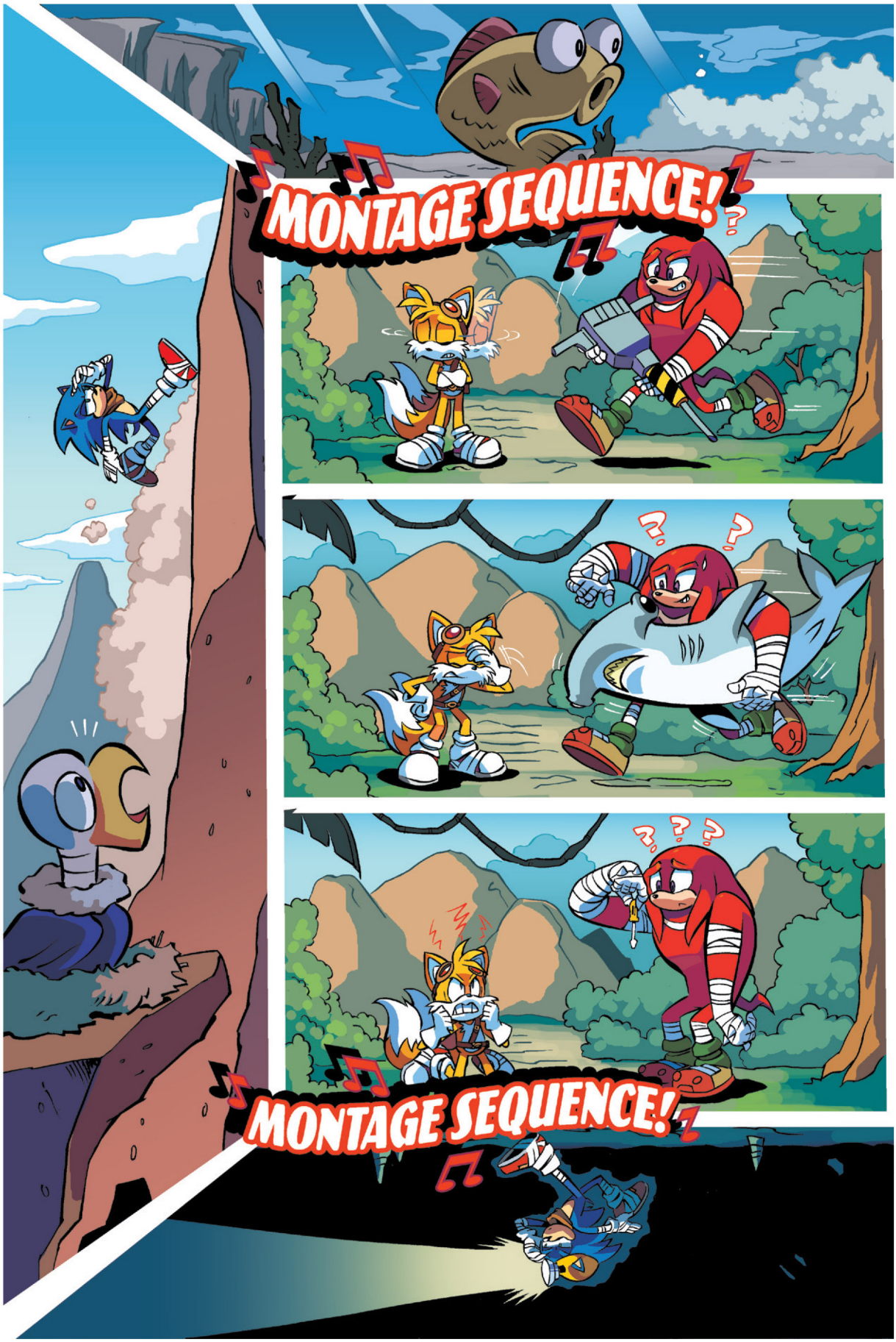
BESIDES, IT'S JUST A HAMMER. TAILS CAN BUILD YOU A NEW ONE, OR WE CAN--
"JUST" A HAMMER?!? IT WAS MY IDENTITY! IT'S WHO I AM!!
OKAY...I'M OFFICIALLY SCARED.
ME TOO! I'VE NEVER SEEN AMY LIKE THIS!
I WONDER IF SHE'S GONNA SHAKE THE EYES OUT OF HIS HEAD...
THE FATES GAVE ME ONE GIFT! I HAMMER-- I HAMMER VERY WELL!
Y-Y-YOU'RE ATHLE-LE-LE-LETIC TOO-OO-OO-OO!


WE ALL JUMP AND FLIP AND STUFF! NO! I AM NOTHING WITHOUT MY HAMMER!
WELL... WHERE DID YOU USE IT LAST?
WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING DR. EGGMAN ON THE BEACH...
ALRIGHT, SO MAYBE YOU LEFT IT ON THE BEACH?
GASP!
THEN IT'S GETTING ALL GRITTY?!
OR--OR! MAYBE IT GOT STUCK IN THE MECH'S ARMOR AND ISN'T ALL SANDY!
GASP!
THEN IT'S BEEN KIDNAPPED BY EGGMAN?!
Ah! BUT MAYBE IT FELL OFF THE MECH AND INTO THE OCEAN!
AHHHHHH!!
IT'S BEEN LOST TO THE OCEAN?!!


THAT'S IT!
TAILS!
SONIC!
KNUCKLES!
YOU THREE GO LOOK FOR THE HAMMER!
WAIT...ARE WE STILL DOING INTROS, STICKS?
ALRIGHT--YOU GONNA CALM DOWN FOR A SECOND?
YEAH, I GUESS THE ILLUMINATI HAVE BEEN SEDATING MY WAFFLES LATELY. BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
YOU ⟩SNIFF⟨ ARE TELLING ME TO CALM DOWN?
C'MON! YOU CAN TRY OUT MY ARSENAL! MAYBE YOU CAN FIND A FUN PLACEHOLDER?
⟩SNIFFLE⟨ NOTHING... NOTHING CAN REPLACE MY HAMMER.
YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, I GET IT. YOU DON'T NEED TO BEAT ME OVER THE HEAD ABOUT IT...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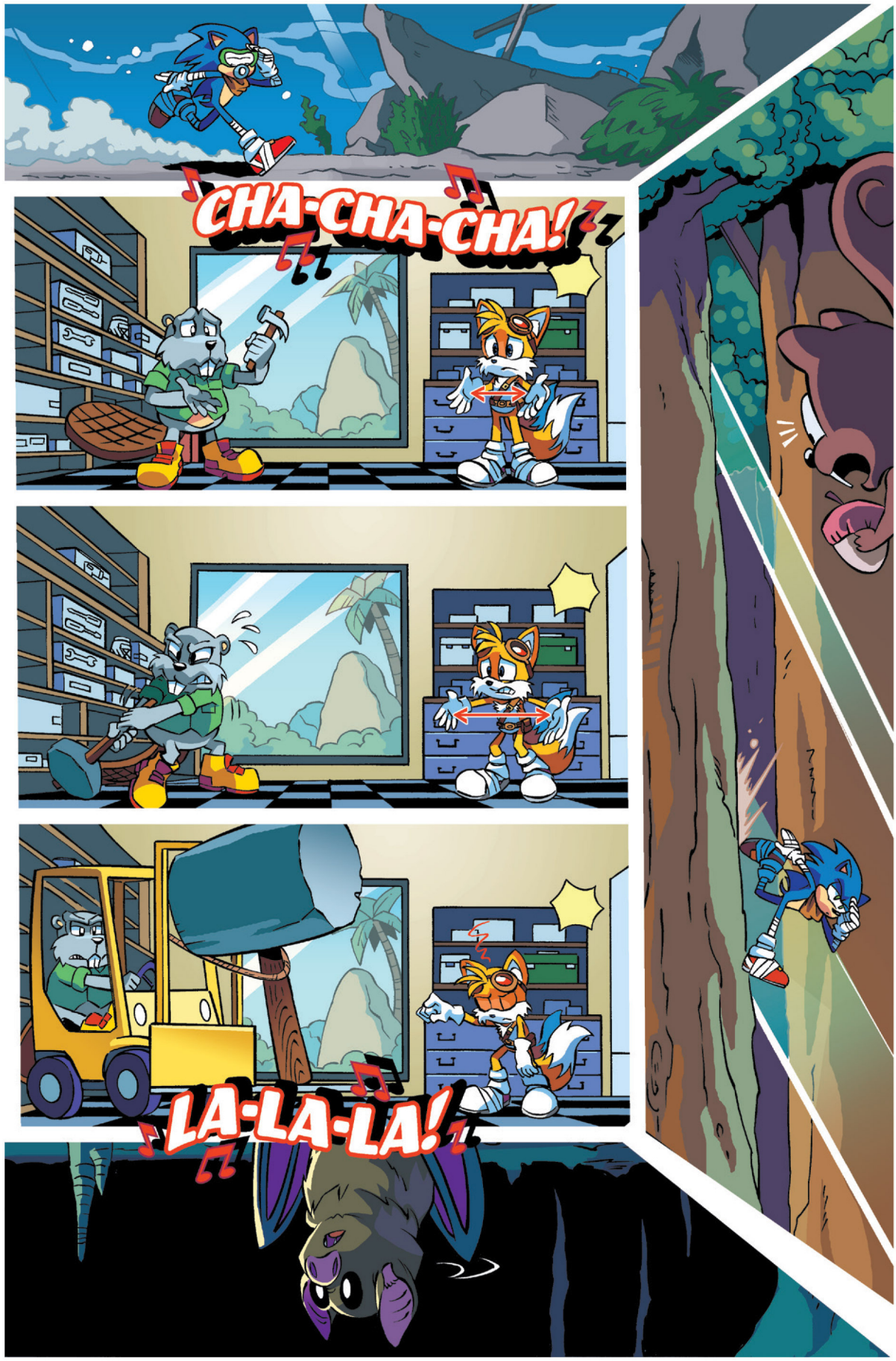
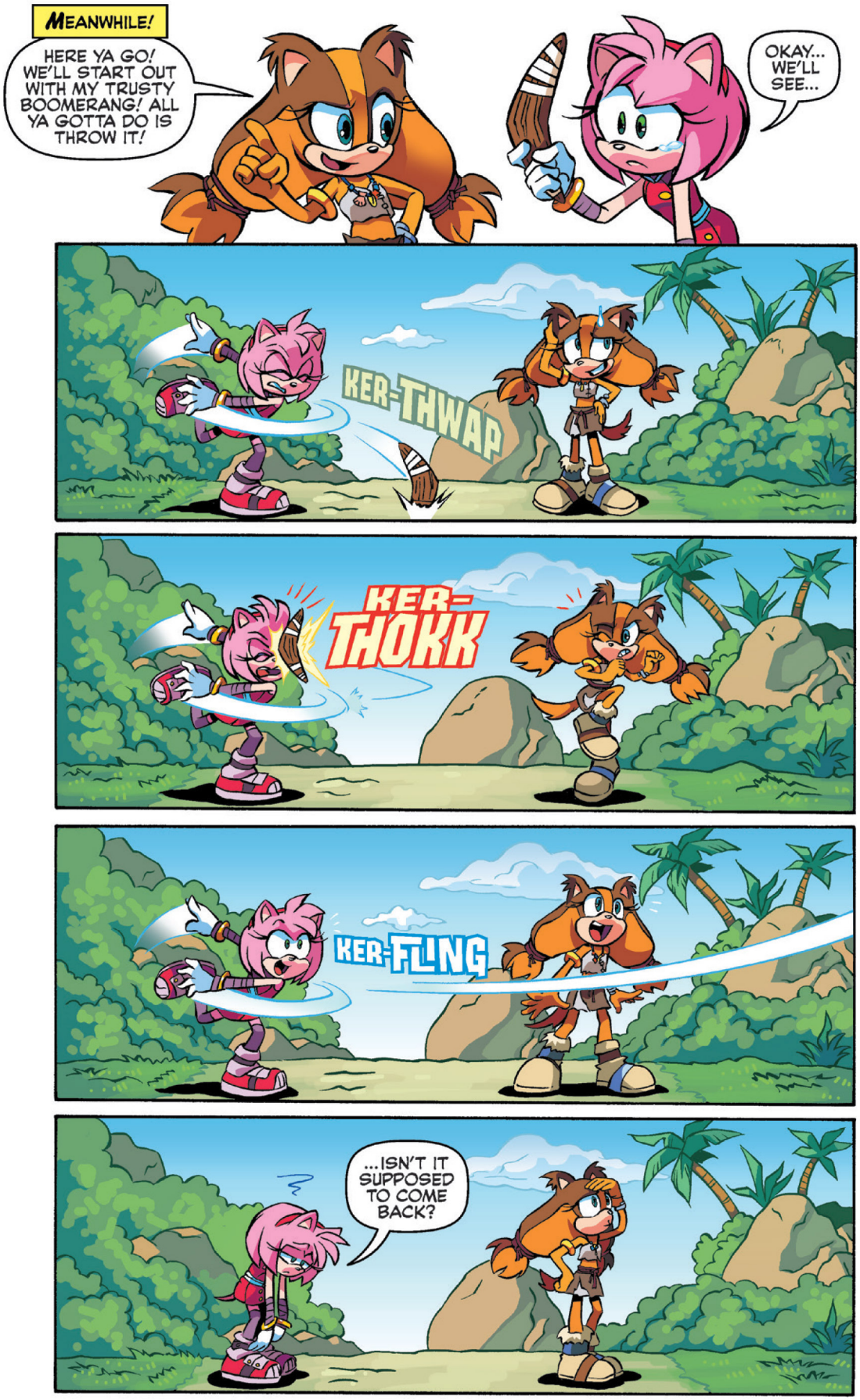
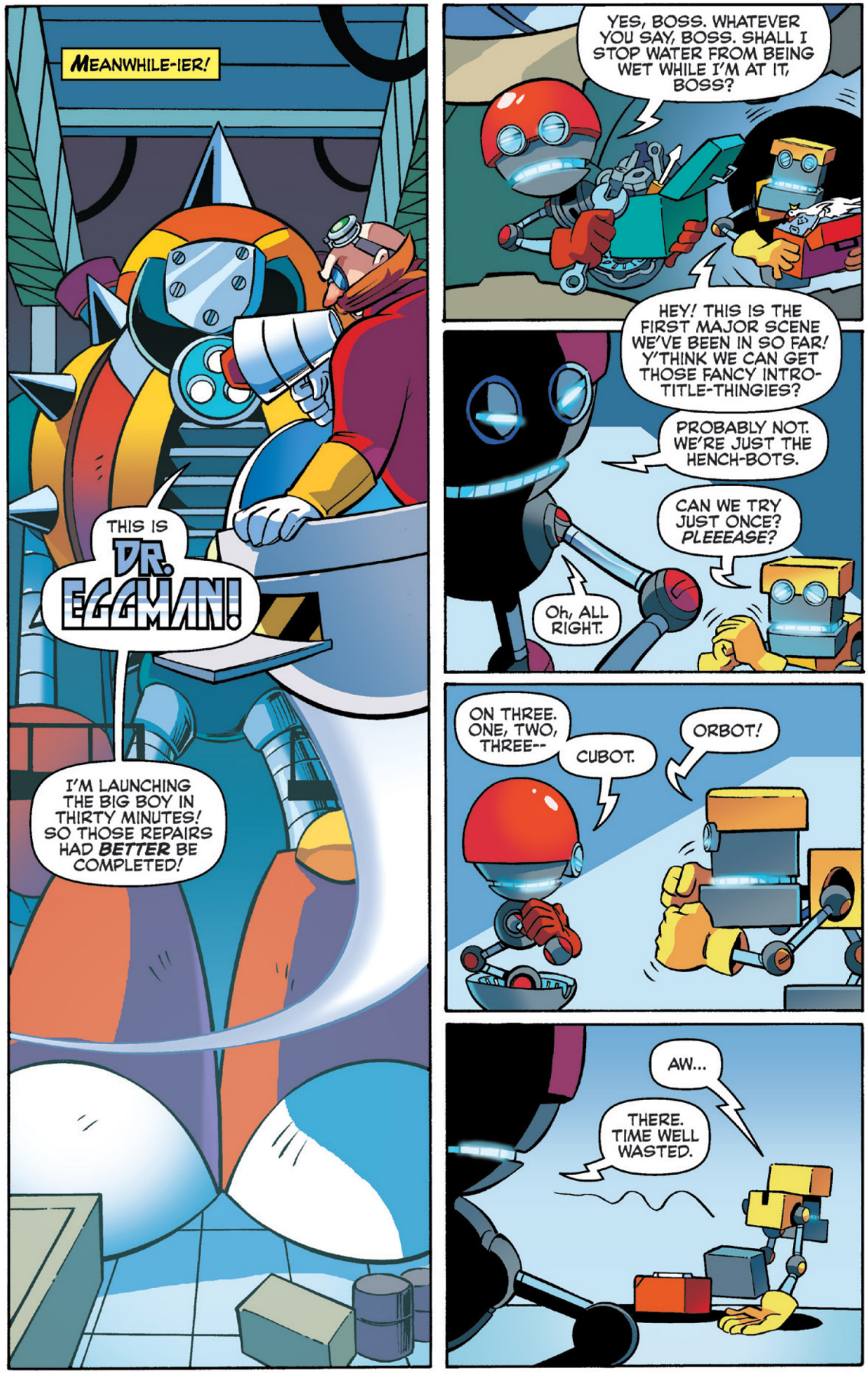
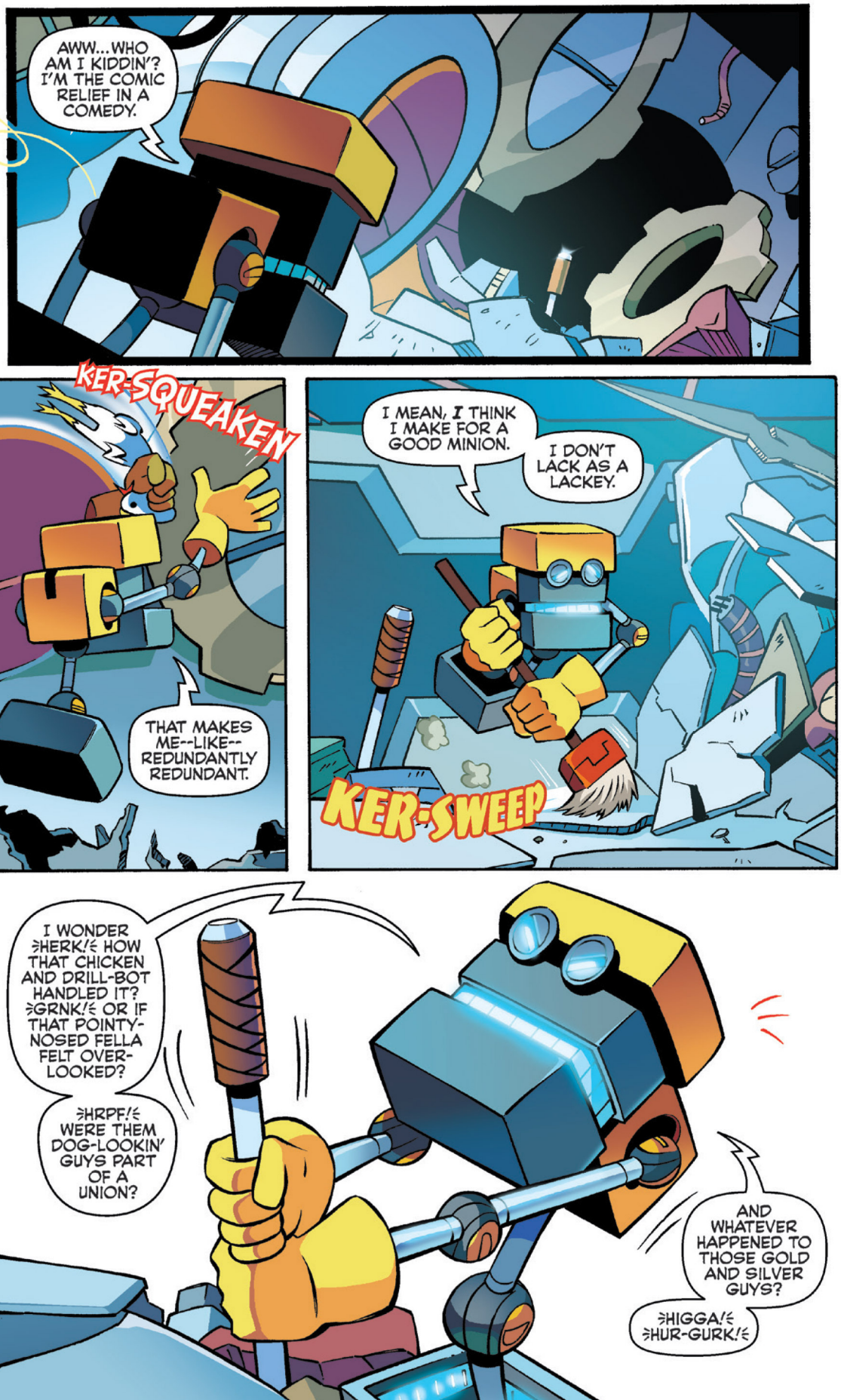
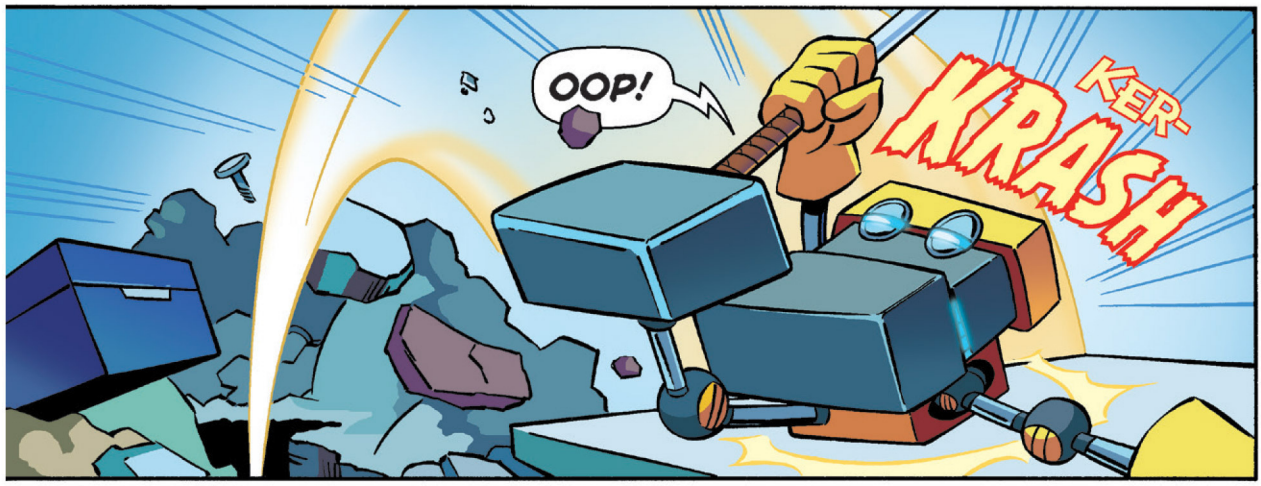
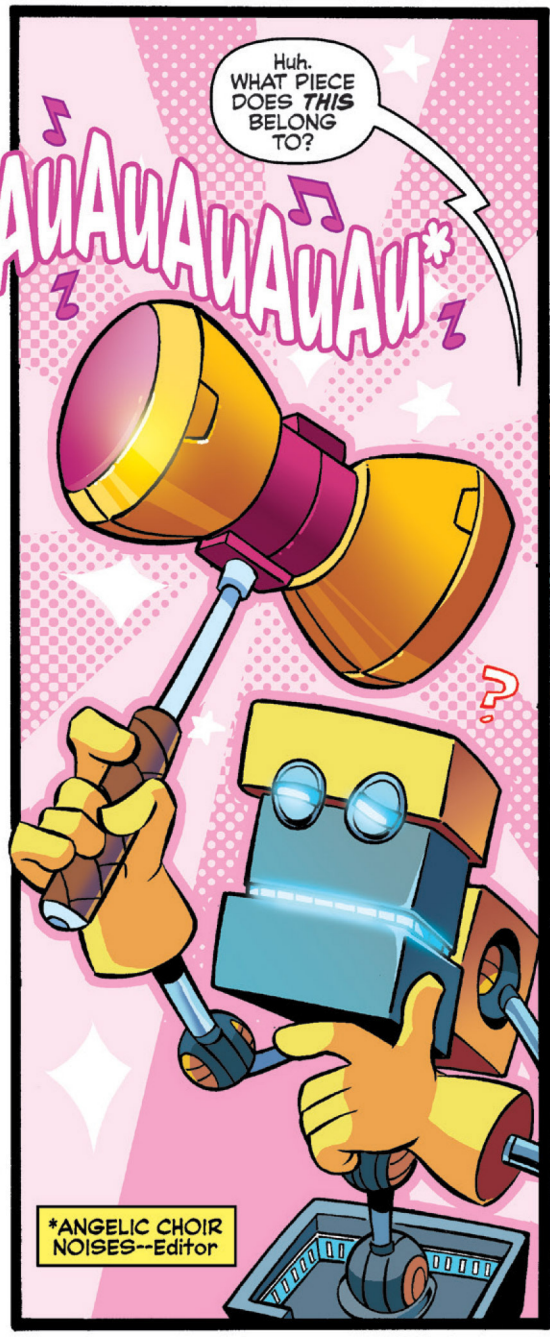

CHA-CHA-CHA!
LA-LA-LA!

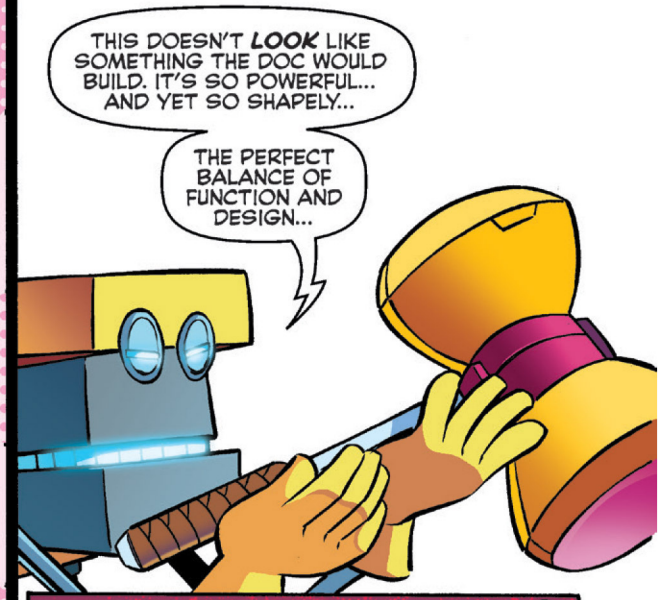

MEANWHILE!
HERE YA GO! WE'LL START OUT WITH MY TRUSTY BOOMERANG! ALL YA GOTTA DO IS THROW IT!
OKAY... WE'LL SEE...
KER-THWAP
KER-THOKK
KER-FLING
...ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO COME BACK?


MEANWHILE-IER!
THIS IS DR. EGGMAN!
I'M LAUNCHING THE BIG BOY IN THIRTY MINUTES! SO THOSE REPAIRS HAD BETTER BE COMPLETED!
YES, BOSS. WHATEVER YOU SAY, BOSS. SHALL I STOP WATER FROM BEING WET WHILE I'M AT IT, BOSS?
HEY! THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR SCENE WE'VE BEEN IN SO FAR! Y'THINK WE CAN GET THOSE FANCY INTRO-TITLE-THINGIES?
PROBABLY NOT. WE'RE JUST THE HENCH-BOTS.
CAN WE TRY JUST ONCE? PLEEEASE?
Oh, ALL RIGHT.
ON THREE. ONE, TWO, THREE--
CUBOT.
ORBOT!
AW...
THERE. TIME WELL WASTED.


AWW... WHO AM I KIDDIN'? I'M THE COMIC RELIEF IN A COMEDY.
KER-SQUEAKEN
THAT MAKES ME--LIKE-- REDUNDANTLY REDUNDANT.
I MEAN, I THINK I MAKE FOR A GOOD MINION.
I DON'T LACK AS A LACKEY.
KER-SWEEP
I WONDER ≥HERK!≤ HOW THAT CHICKEN AND DRILL-BOT HANDLED IT? ≥GRNK!≤ OR IF THAT POINTY-NOSED FELLA FELT OVER-LOOKED?
≥HRPF!≤ WERE THEM DOG-LOOKIN' GUYS PART OF A UNION?
AND WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THOSE GOLD AND SILVER GUYS?
≥HIGGA!≤ ≥HUR-GURK!≤


OOP!
KER-KRASH


Huh. WHAT PIECE DOES THIS BELONG TO?
AuAuAuAuAuAu*
?
*ANGELIC CHOIR NOISES--Editor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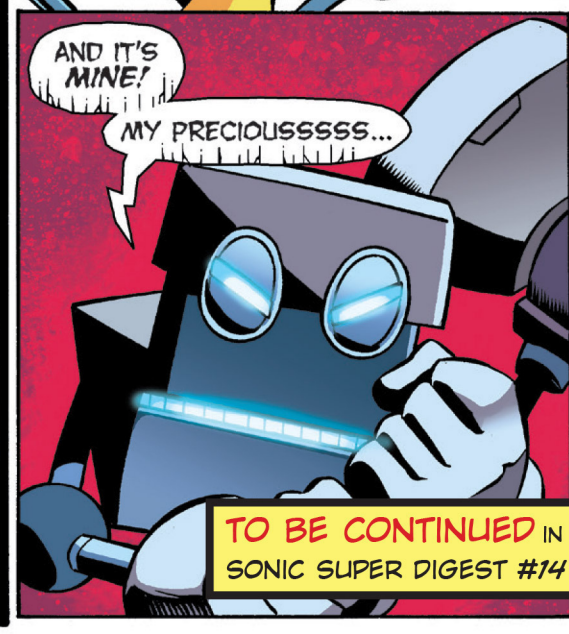
THE PERFECT BALANCE OF FUNCTION AND DESIGN...


AND IT'S MINE!
MY PRECIOUSSSSS...
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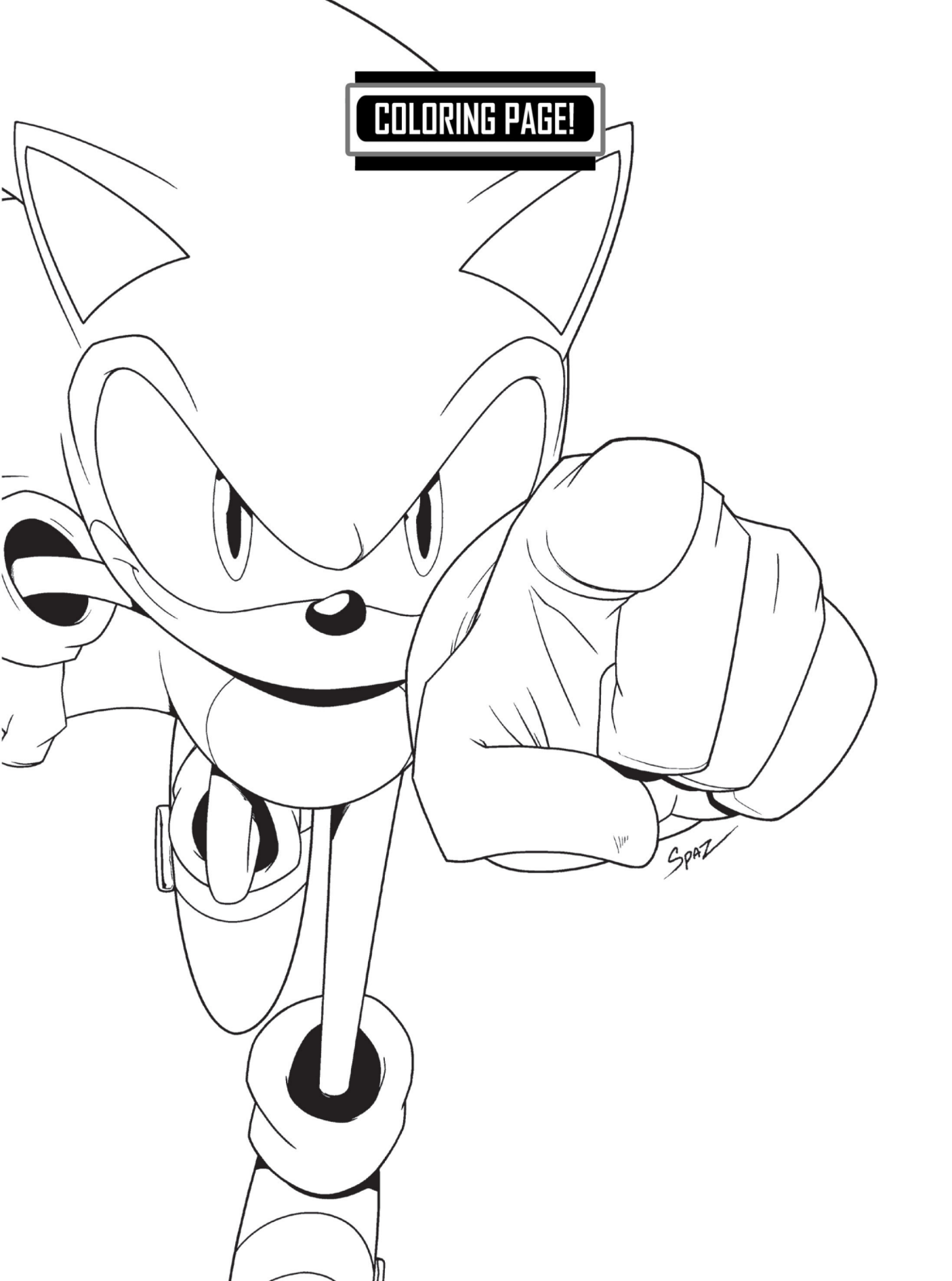
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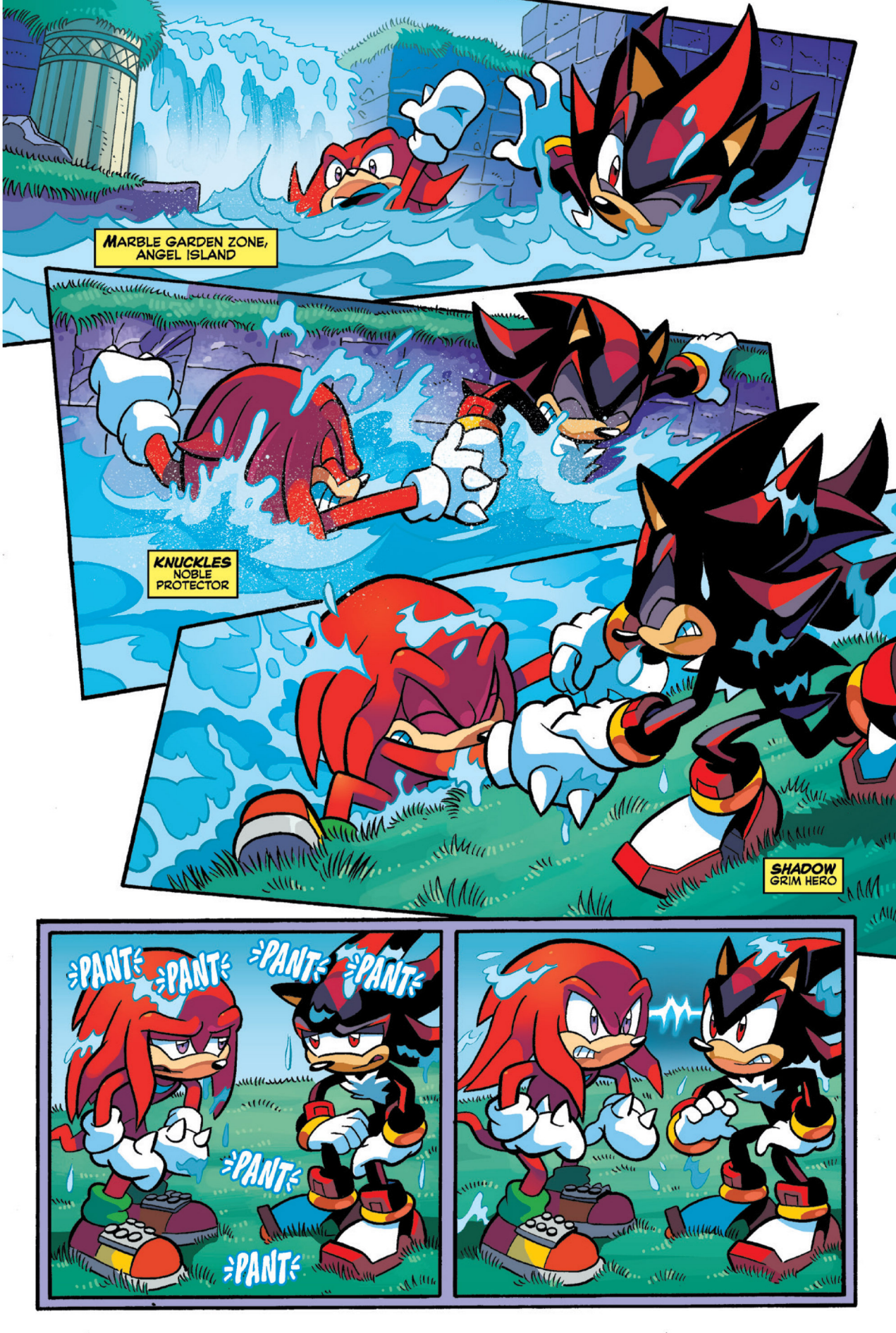
MARBLE GARDEN ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND
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SHADOW GRIM HERO
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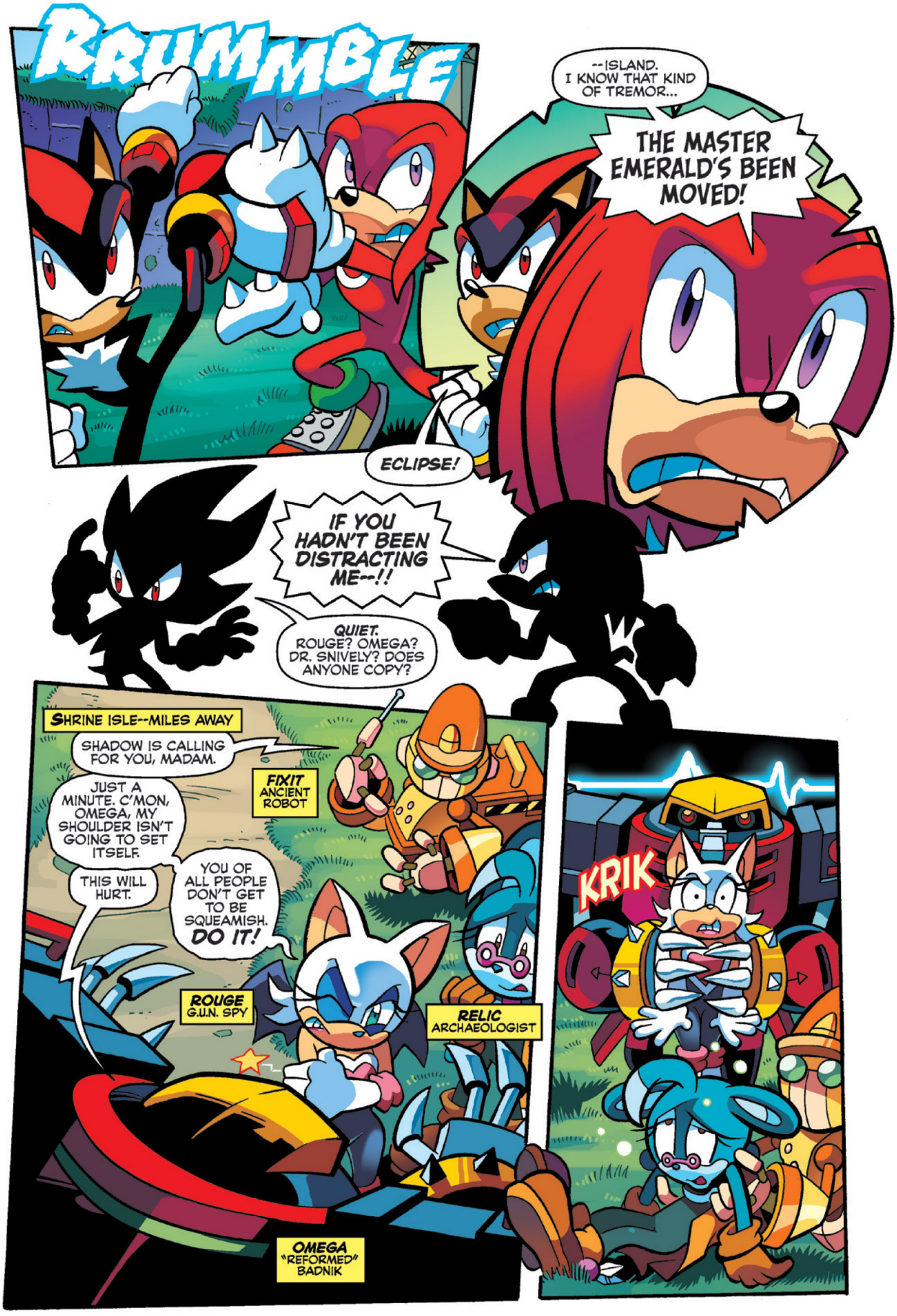
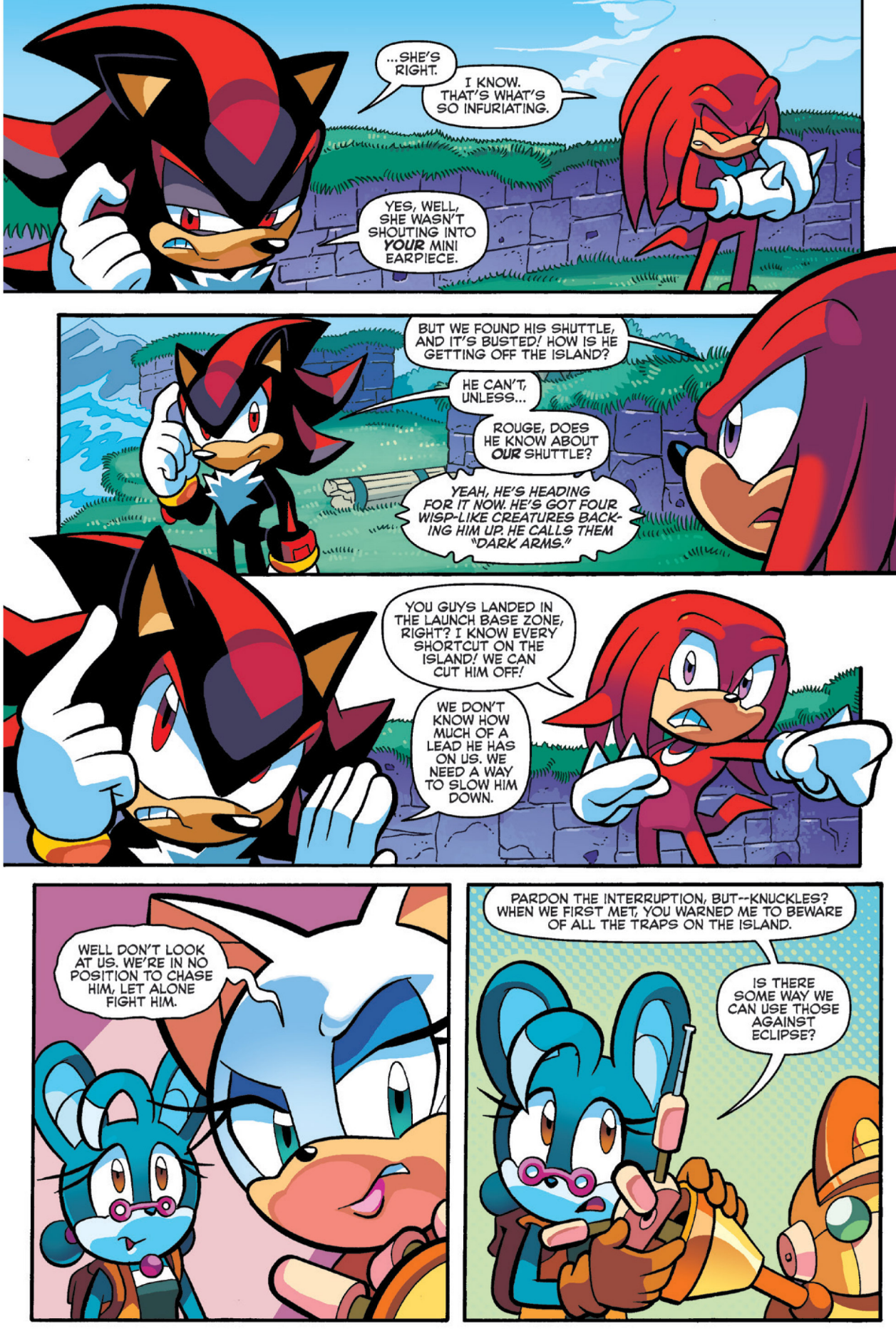
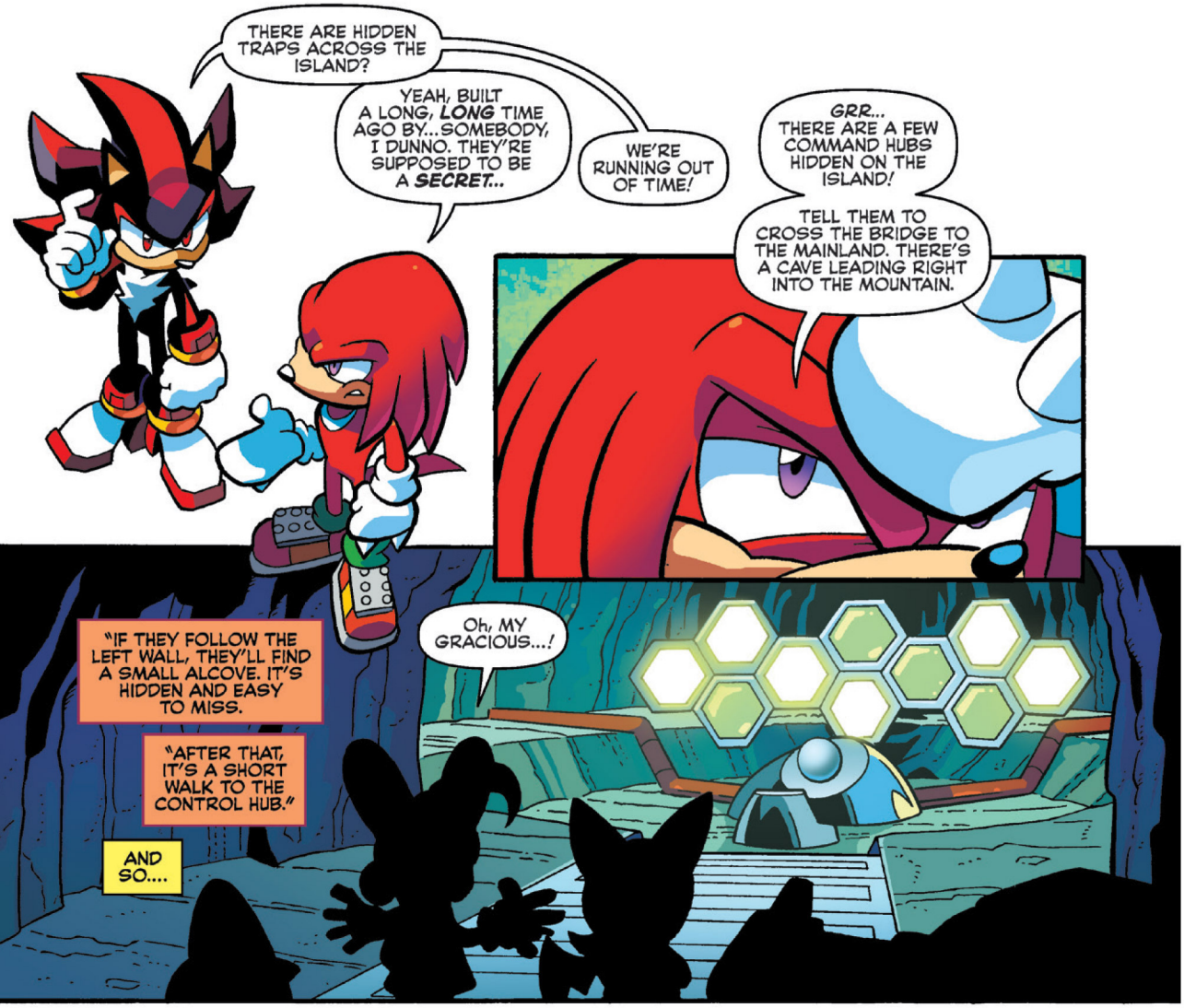
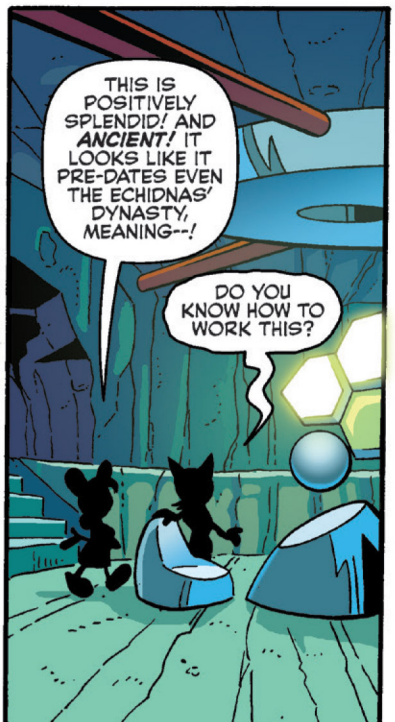
THE MASTER EMERALD STAYS PUT!
IT'S GOING IN A VAULT!
KNUCKLES & SHADOW
STUBBORN AS BRICK WALLS
YOU SHOULD'VE TAKEN ROUGE'S OFFER AND EVACUATED!
AND THEN WHAT?! PROTECTING THE MASTER EMERALD IS MY PURPOSE! THIS ISLAND IS MY LIFE!
THEN FIND A NEW PURPOSE. IT IS NOT EASY--I KNOW--BUT IT CAN BE DONE.
IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE DONE! NOW GET OFF MY--!


RRUMMBLE
--ISLAND. I KNOW THAT KIND OF TREMOR...
THE MASTER EMERALD'S BEEN MOVED!
ECLIPSE!
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN DISTRACTING ME--!!
QUIET. ROUGE? OMEGA? DR. SNIVELY? DOES ANYONE COPY?
SHRINE ISLE--MILES AWAY
SHADOW IS CALLING FOR YOU, MADAM.
JUST A MINUTE. C'MON, OMEGA, MY SHOULDER ISN'T GOING TO SET ITSELF.
THIS WILL HURT.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE DON'T GET TO BE SQUEAMISH. DO IT!
FIXIT ANCIENT ROBOT
ROUGE G.U.N. SPY
RELIC ARCHAEOLOGIST
OMEGA "REFORMED" BADNIK
KRIK

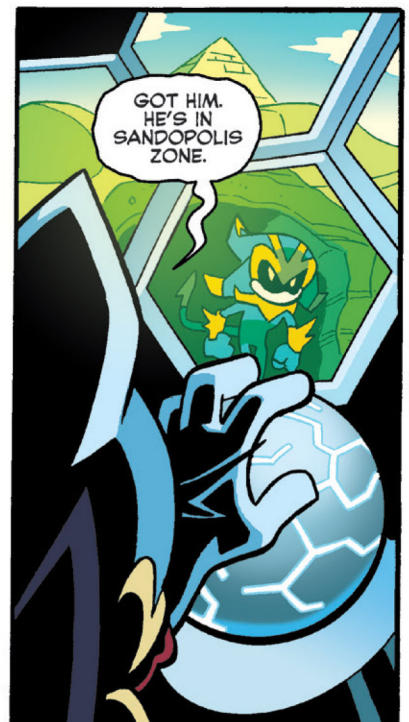
HELLO?
ROUGE? WHY AREN'T OMEGA AND THE DOCTOR ANSWERING? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OMEGA'S CONSERVING POWER SINCE ECLIPSE RIPPED OUT HIS CHAOS DRIVE. JULIAN'S TELE-POD WAS BLOWN UP. AND I'M ABOUT A SECOND AWAY FROM BARFING, Y'KNOW WHY?
BECAUSE ALL OF THIS WOULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED IF YOU TWO MUSCLE-BRAINS HAD JUST **TALKED** INSTEAD OF FIGHTING LIKE **CHILDREN!**
NOW WE'RE ALL WEAKENED AND ECLIPSE IS ESCAPING WITH THE MASTER EMERALD! **WAY TO GO, BOYS!!**


...SHE'S RIGHT.
I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT'S SO INFURIATING.
YES, WELL, SHE WASN'T SHOUTING INTO YOUR MINI EARPIECE.
BUT WE FOUND HIS SHUTTLE, AND IT'S BUSTED! HOW IS HE GETTING OFF THE ISLAND?
HE CAN'T, UNLESS...
ROUGE, DOES HE KNOW ABOUT OUR SHUTTLE?
YEAH, HE'S HEADING FOR IT NOW. HE'S GOT FOUR WISP-LIKE CREATURES BACKING HIM UP. HE CALLS THEM "DARK ARMS."
YOU GUYS LANDED IN THE LAUNCH BASE ZONE, RIGHT? I KNOW EVERY SHORTCUT ON THE ISLAND! WE CAN CUT HIM OFF!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF A LEAD HE HAS ON US. WE NEED A WAY TO SLOW HIM DOWN.
WELL DON'T LOOK AT US. WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO CHASE HIM, LET ALONE FIGHT HIM.
PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, BUT--KNUCKLES? WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF ALL THE TRAPS ON THE ISLAND.
IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN USE THOSE AGAINST ECLIPSE?

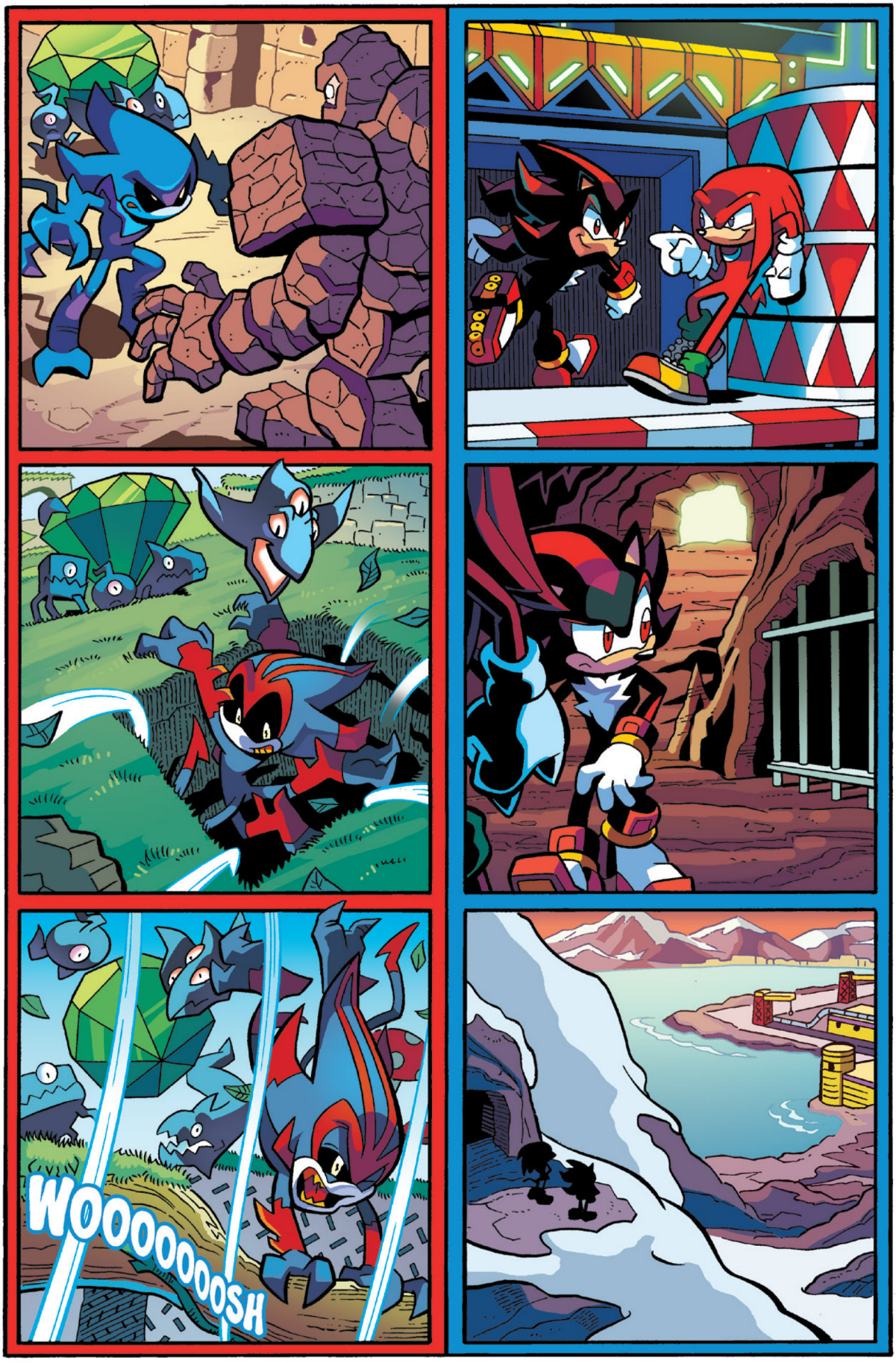

THERE ARE HIDDEN TRAPS ACROSS THE ISLAND?
YEAH, BUILT A LONG, LONG TIME AGO BY...SOMEBODY, I DUNNO. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET...
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!
GRR... THERE ARE A FEW COMMAND HUBS HIDDEN ON THE ISLAND!
TELL THEM TO CROSS THE BRIDGE TO THE MAINLAND. THERE'S A CAVE LEADING RIGHT INTO THE MOUNTAIN.
"IF THEY FOLLOW THE LEFT WALL, THEY'LL FIND A SMALL ALCOVE. IT'S HIDDEN AND EASY TO MISS.
"AFTER THAT, IT'S A SHORT WALK TO THE CONTROL HUB."
AND SO....
Oh, MY GRACIOUS...!


THIS IS POSITIVELY SPLENDID! AND ANCIENT! IT LOOKS LIKE IT PRE-DATES EVEN THE ECHIDNAS' DYNASTY, MEANING--!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO WORK THIS?

N-NO. I'M RUBBISH WITH COMPUTERS.
MODERN OR ANCIENT.
WELL, I'M A QUICK STUDY.
LET'S SEE IF I CAN AT LEAST FIND...


GOT HIM. HE'S IN SANDOPOLIS ZONE.

GREAT! THAT PLACE IS A PAIN TO TRAVEL THROUGH. HAVE THEM SLOW HIM DOWN!
NOW FOLLOW ME!
DID YOU GET ALL THAT? GOOD. THEN WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
IF WE STOP ECLIPSE THOUGH... THEN WHAT? WHAT IF I HAVE TO...?
"SLOW HIM DOWN." EASY FOR YOU TO SAY. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT I'M DOING.
PERHAPS IT'S AN INTUITIVE INTERACTIVE SYSTEM? THE TROLLS OF THE SECOND GREAT CIVILIZATION HAD MANY CRYSTALLINE...
DO YOU MIND?
SANDOPOLIS ZONE
SWOOSH
WHAT THE--?
ECLIPSE ALIEN INVADER
SWISH
MASTER EMERALD MOST POWERFUL EMERALD OF ALL
■!
I KNOW IT'S HEAVY! I KNOW IT'S HOT! I'VE GOT SAND IN PLACES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD!
BUT WE NEED THIS THING IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE POWER TO DEVOUR THIS WORLD! SO MOVE IT!
THE DARK ARMS ECLIPSE'S MINIONS


WOOOOOOOSH

LAUNCH BASE ZONE
SHUFFLE ONCE WE'VE TAKEN THIS THING'S POWER SHUFFLE WE'LL SINK THIS STUPID, HATEFUL ISLAND SHUFFLE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN...
WAITAMINUTE... THERE!
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT!
HAHAHA! COME ON, LITTLE ONES! WE'RE HOME FREE!
KZZT

OF COURSE HE SHOWS UP NOW...
GET TO THE SHUTTLE, LITTLE ONES! I'LL TELEPORT OUR PRIZE THE REST OF THE WAY!
♪?
FWASH
GOT HIM.
FWASH
WELL, AT LEAST I CAN KILL YOU AND TAKE THE--!
FWASH
GAH!

NOTHING PERSONAL, BUT IF I *HAVE* TO SHATTER SOMETHING TODAY, IT'S GOING TO BE YOU!
BLURK! CREGAL! CYZER! *ONE OF YOU!* GRANT ME YOUR POWER AND GET THIS SAVAGE OFF ME!!
!
!
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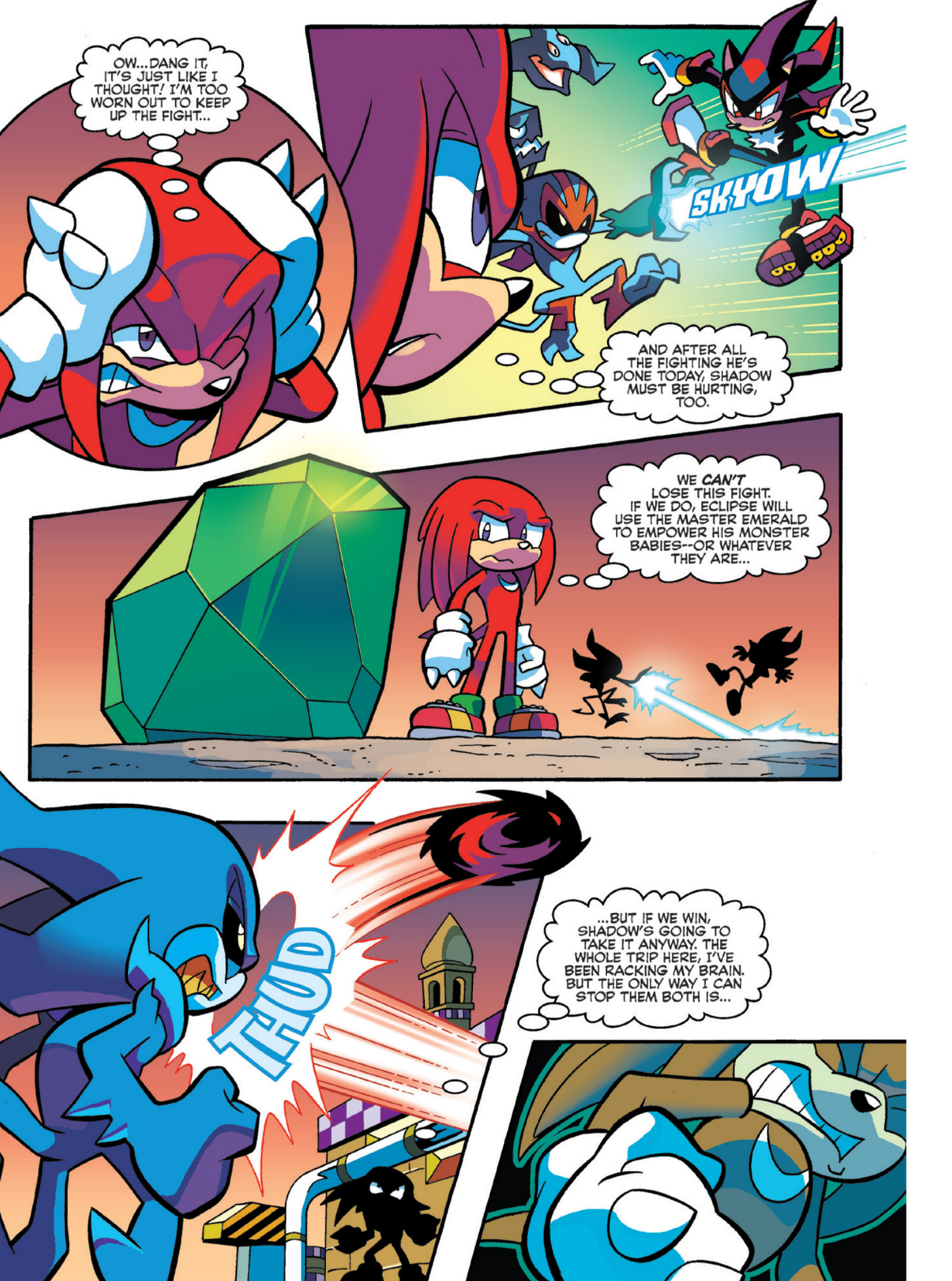
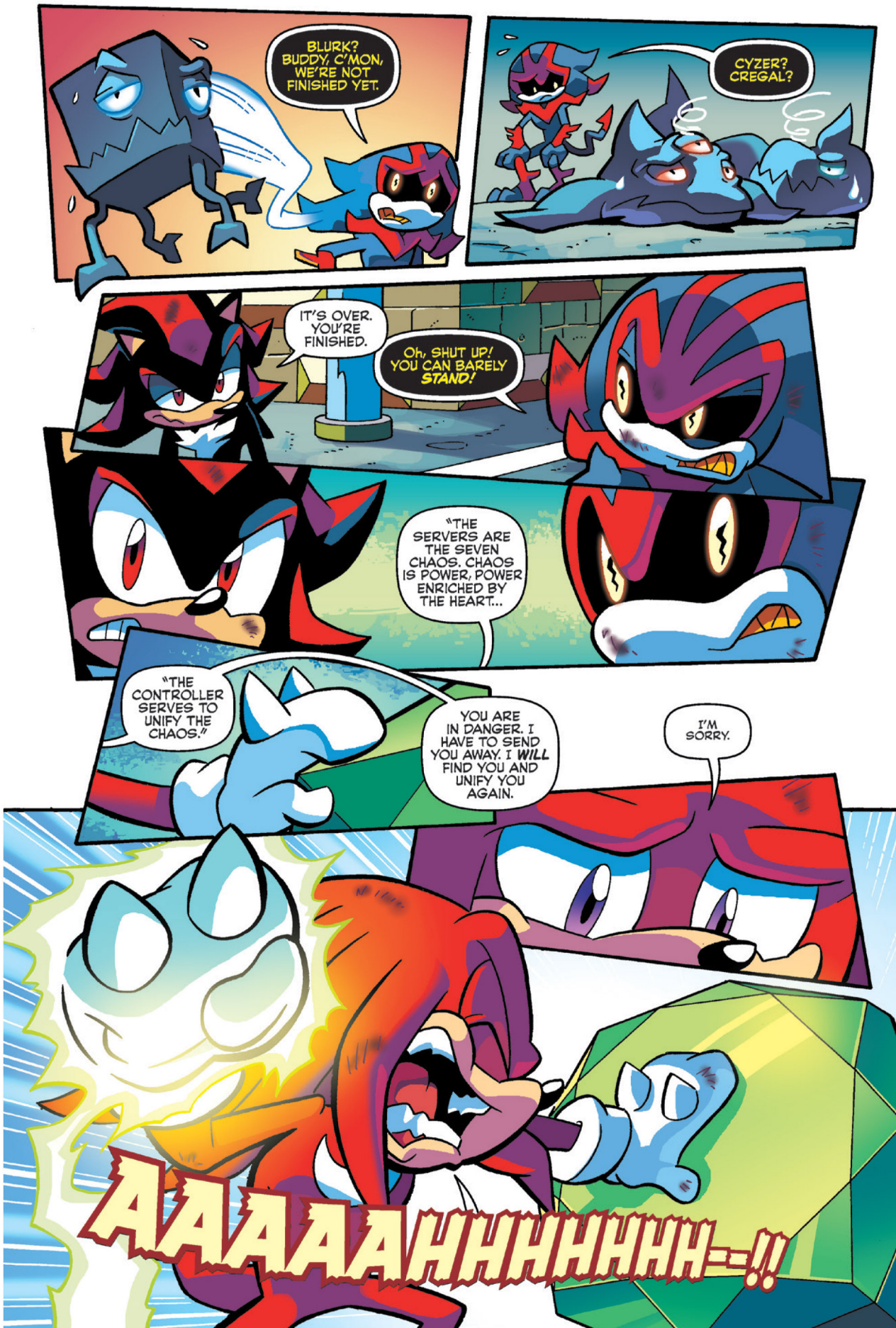
WHUMP
THOK
WHOOSH
DIDN'T EXPECT *THESE* POWERS, DID YOU, SIMPLETON?!
DARK ARM POWER: *WING*

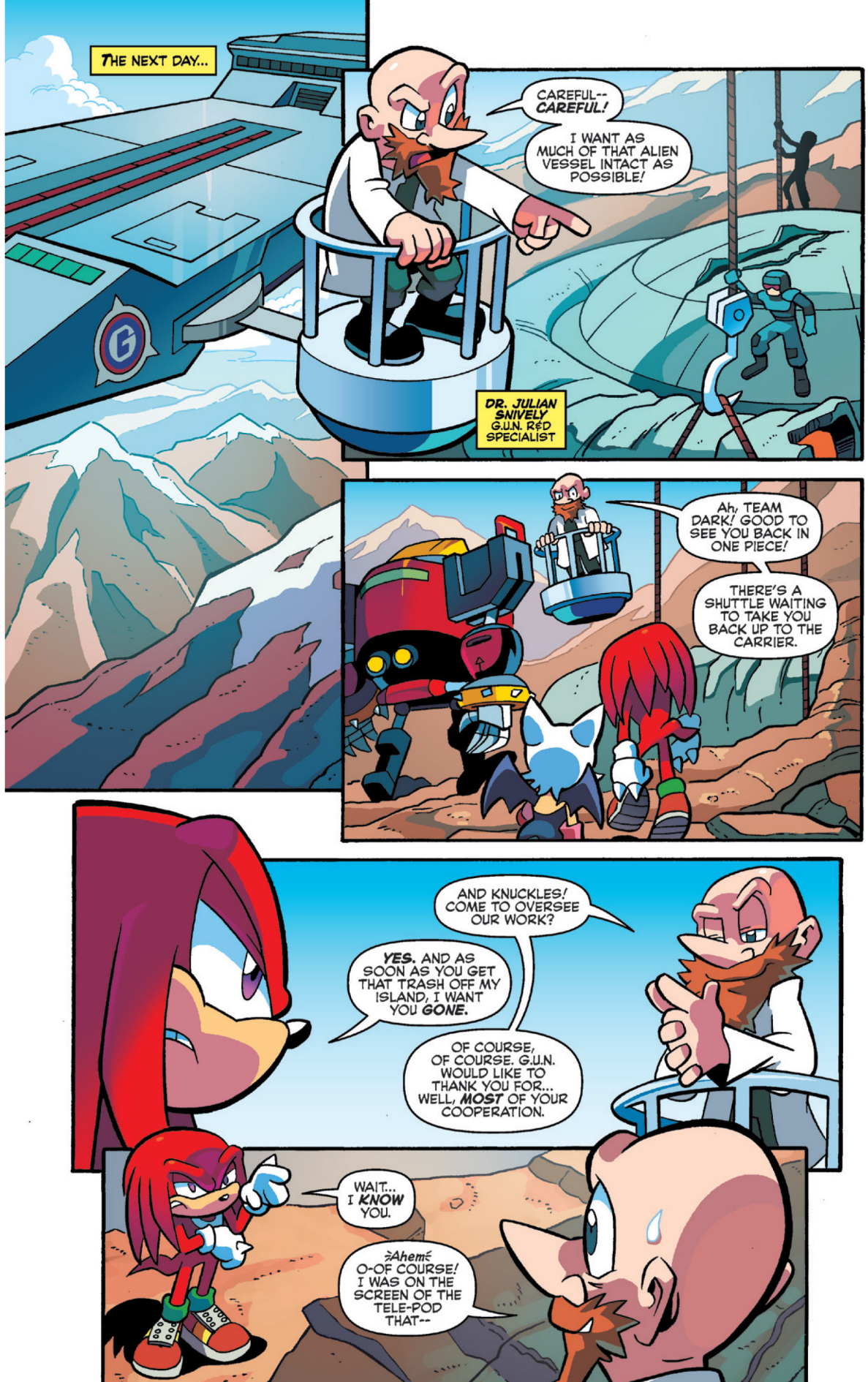

OW...DANG IT, IT'S JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! I'M TOO WORN OUT TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT...
SKYOW
AND AFTER ALL THE FIGHTING HE'S DONE TODAY, SHADOW MUST BE HURTING, TOO.
WE CAN'T LOSE THIS FIGHT. IF WE DO, ECLIPSE WILL USE THE MASTER EMERALD TO EMPOWER HIS MONSTER BABIES--OR WHATEVER THEY ARE...
THUD
...BUT IF WE WIN, SHADOW'S GOING TO TAKE IT ANYWAY. THE WHOLE TRIP HERE, I'VE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN. BUT THE ONLY WAY I CAN STOP THEM BOTH IS...


BLURK? BUDDY, C'MON, WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET.
CYZER? CREGAL?
IT'S OVER. YOU'RE FINISHED.
Oh, SHUT UP! YOU CAN BARELY STAND!
"THE SERVERS ARE THE SEVEN CHAOS. CHAOS IS POWER, POWER ENRICHED BY THE HEART...
"THE CONTROLLER SERVES TO UNIFY THE CHAOS."
YOU ARE IN DANGER. I HAVE TO SEND YOU AWAY. I WILL FIND YOU AND UNIFY YOU AGAIN.
I'M SORRY.
AAAAAHHHHHHH--!!

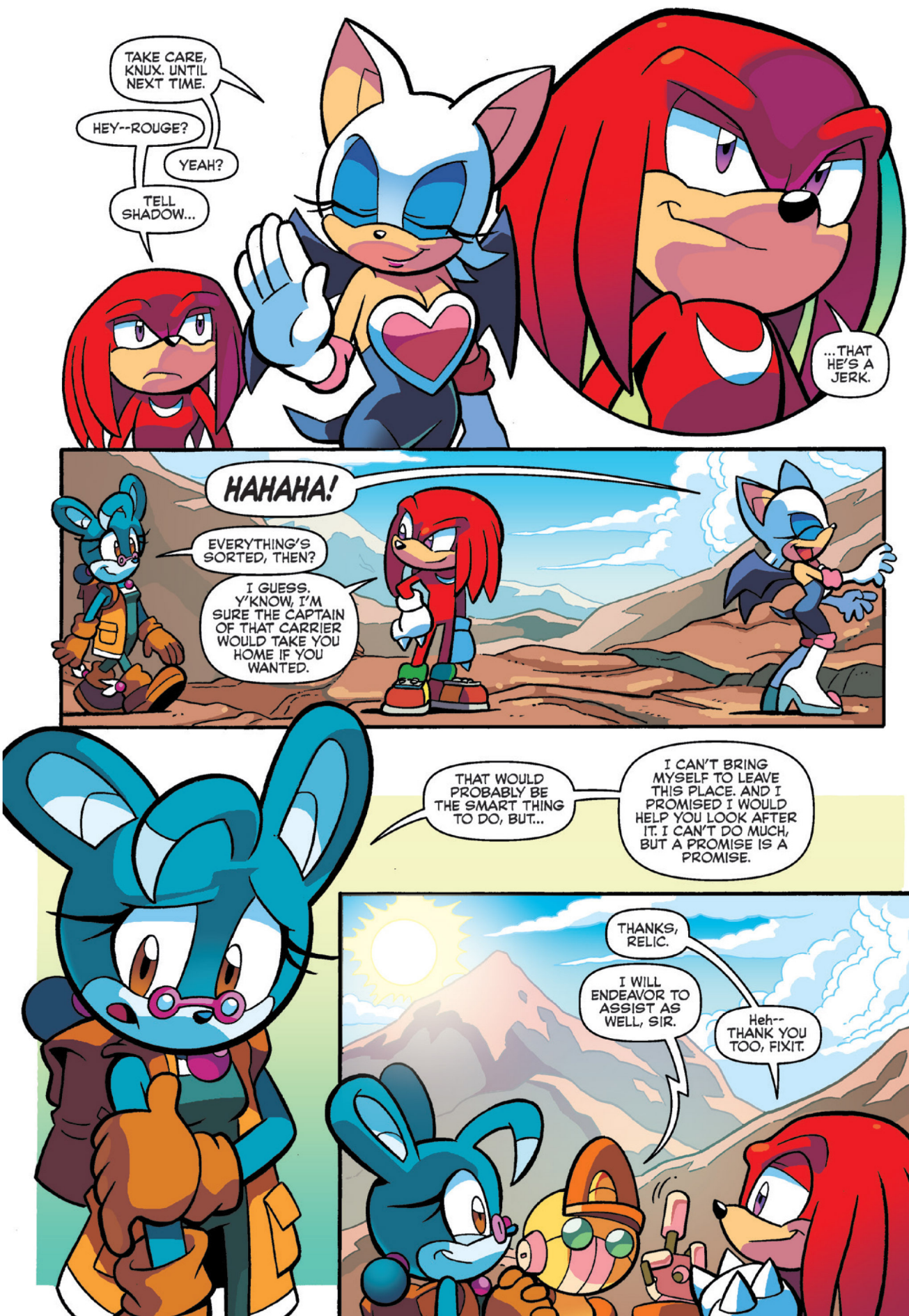
KraKaaM
NO!
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!!
WAS THAT...CHAOS CONTROL...?
WHAM
YOU MADE ME DO THE ONE THING I SWORE I'D NEVER DO AGAIN!

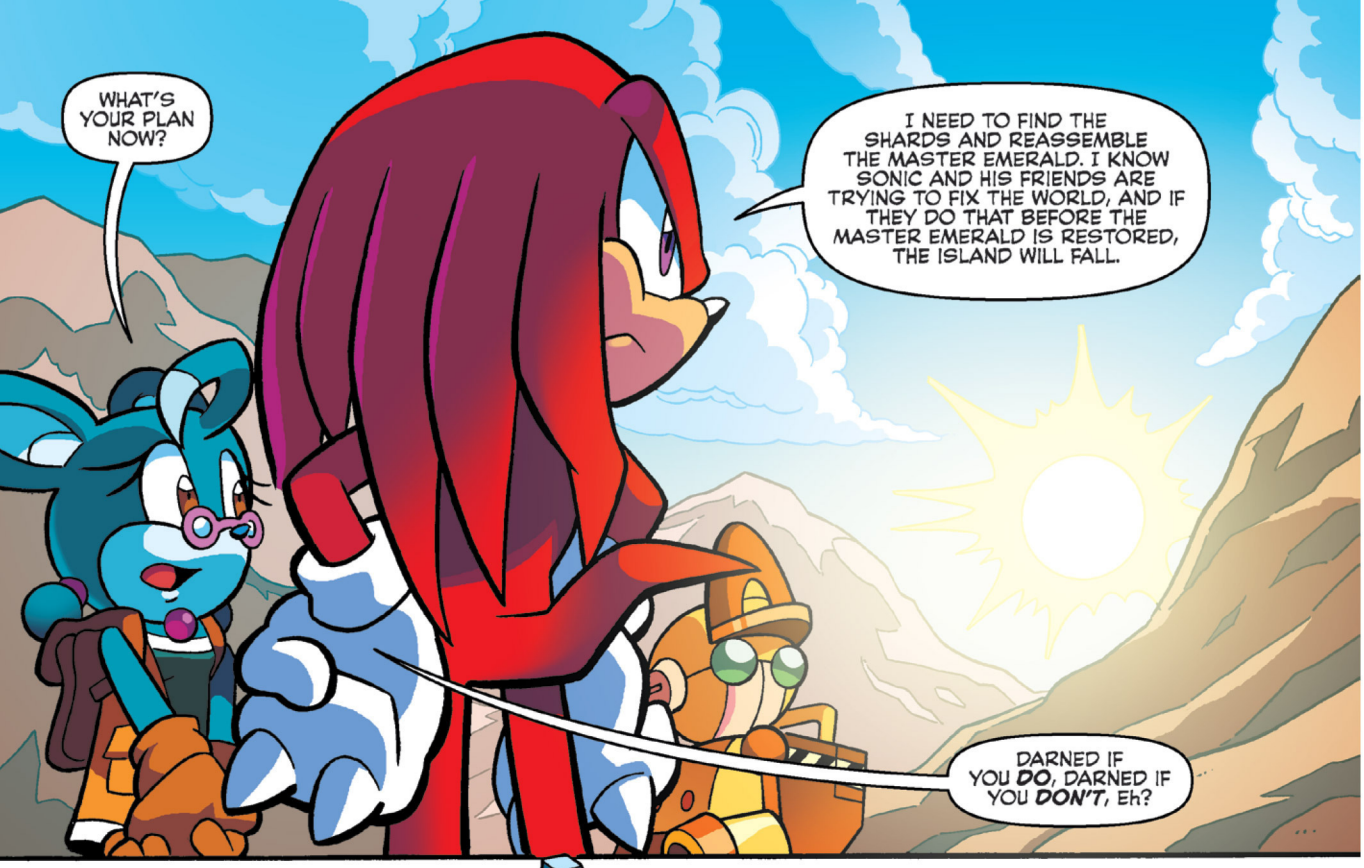
RHYGENTA... NO... THEY'LL KILL US BOTH...
DARK ARMS POWER: SONIC CANNON
BRRAAAAAUHKK

RRUMMBLE
TSHHH
VWOOSH

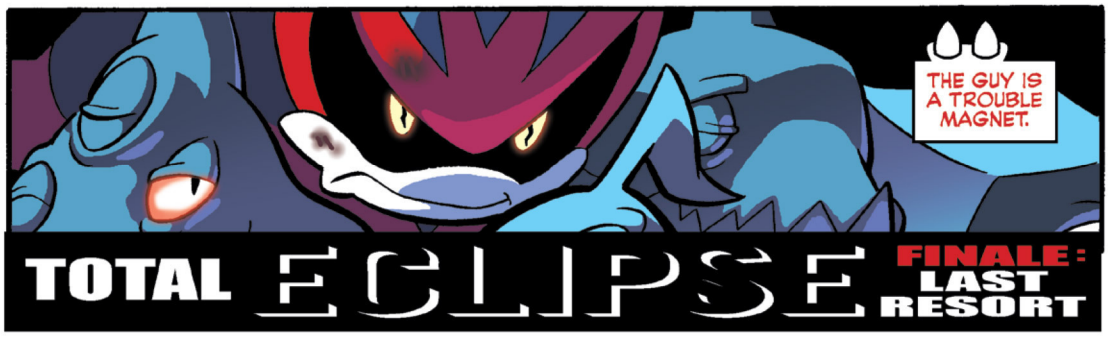

THE NEXT DAY...
CAREFUL-- CAREFUL!
I WANT AS MUCH OF THAT ALIEN VESSEL INTACT AS POSSIBLE!
DR. JULIAN SNIVELY G.U.N. R&D SPECIALIST
Ah, TEAM DARK! GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK IN ONE PIECE!
THERE'S A SHUTTLE WAITING TO TAKE YOU BACK UP TO THE CARRIER.
AND KNUCKLES! COME TO OVERSEE OUR WORK?
YES. AND AS SOON AS YOU GET THAT TRASH OFF MY ISLAND, I WANT YOU GONE.
OF COURSE, OF COURSE. G.U.N. WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR... WELL, MOST OF YOUR COOPERATION.
WAIT... I KNOW YOU.
Ahem! O-OF COURSE! I WAS ON THE SCREEN OF THE TELE-POD THAT--

NO! YOU'RE THAT LITTLE PUNK THAT WAS WORKING FOR DR. EGGMAN! YOU TRIED TO STEAL THE MASTER EMERALD THEN, TOO!*
EEK! I-I-I-I--THAT WAS THEN! I-I'D N-N-N-NEVER--!
*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME
YOU CAN HAVE THE ALIEN JUNK, BUT YOU-- YOU-- GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
YEEP! Y-Y-YES, SIR!!
YOU KEEP SOME REALLY QUESTIONABLE COMPANY.
COMES WITH THE JOB.
SMART MOVE WITH THE MASTER EMERALD, BY THE WAY.
Huh?
YOU KEPT IT OUT OF EVERYONE'S HANDS, AND NOW YOU CAN PIECE IT BACK TOGETHER WHILE THE REST OF US ARE BUSY, DISTRACTED WITH OTHER THINGS.
AND WITH THE WORLD AS IT IS, ANGEL ISLAND WON'T FALL ANY TIME SOON. PRETTY CUNNING, HANDSOME.
...THANKS, BUT IT NEVER SHOULD'VE COME TO THIS.


TAKE CARE, KNUX. UNTIL NEXT TIME.
HEY--ROUGE?
YEAH?
TELL SHADOW...
...THAT HE'S A JERK.
HAHAHA!
EVERYTHING'S SORTED, THEN?
I GUESS. Y'KNOW, I'M SURE THE CAPTAIN OF THAT CARRIER WOULD TAKE YOU HOME IF YOU WANTED.
THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE SMART THING TO DO, BUT...
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO LEAVE THIS PLACE. AND I PROMISED I WOULD HELP YOU LOOK AFTER IT. I CAN'T DO MUCH, BUT A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.
THANKS, RELIC.
I WILL ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST AS WELL, SIR.
Heh-- THANK YOU TOO, FIXIT.


WHAT'S YOUR PLAN NOW?
I NEED TO FIND THE SHARDS AND REASSEMBLE THE MASTER EMERALD. I KNOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO FIX THE WORLD, AND IF THEY DO THAT BEFORE THE MASTER EMERALD IS RESTORED, THE ISLAND WILL FALL.
DARNED IF YOU DO, DARNED IF YOU DON'T, Eh?

TELL ME ABOUT IT.
I'LL GRAB CHIP AND THE CHAOS EMERALD I GOT FROM THE CHAOTIX AND TRACK SONIC DOWN FIRST.
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS WHILE YOU'RE GONE THEN. WILL FINDING SONIC BE EASY?
Pssht-- EASY?



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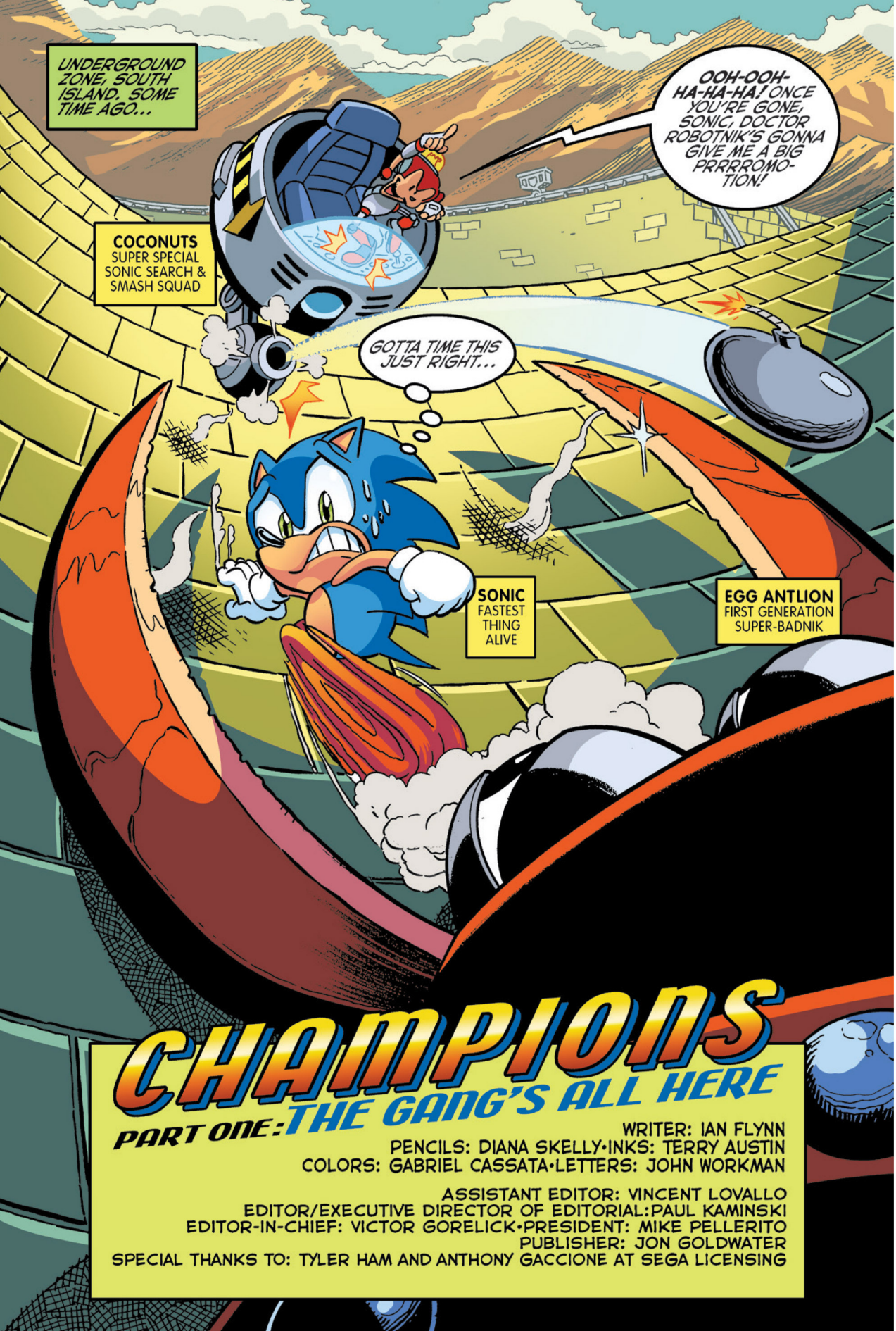
UNDERGROUND ZONE, SOUTH ISLAND. SOME TIME AGO...
OOH-OOH-HA-HA-HA! ONCE YOU'RE GONE, SONIC, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S GONNA GIVE ME A BIG PRRRROMO-TION!
COCONUTS SUPER SPECIAL SONIC SEARCH & SMASH SQUAD
GOTTA TIME THIS JUST RIGHT...
SONIC FASTEST THING ALIVE
EGG ANTLION FIRST GENERATION SUPER-BADNIK
CHAMPIONS
PART ONE: THE GANG'S ALL HERE

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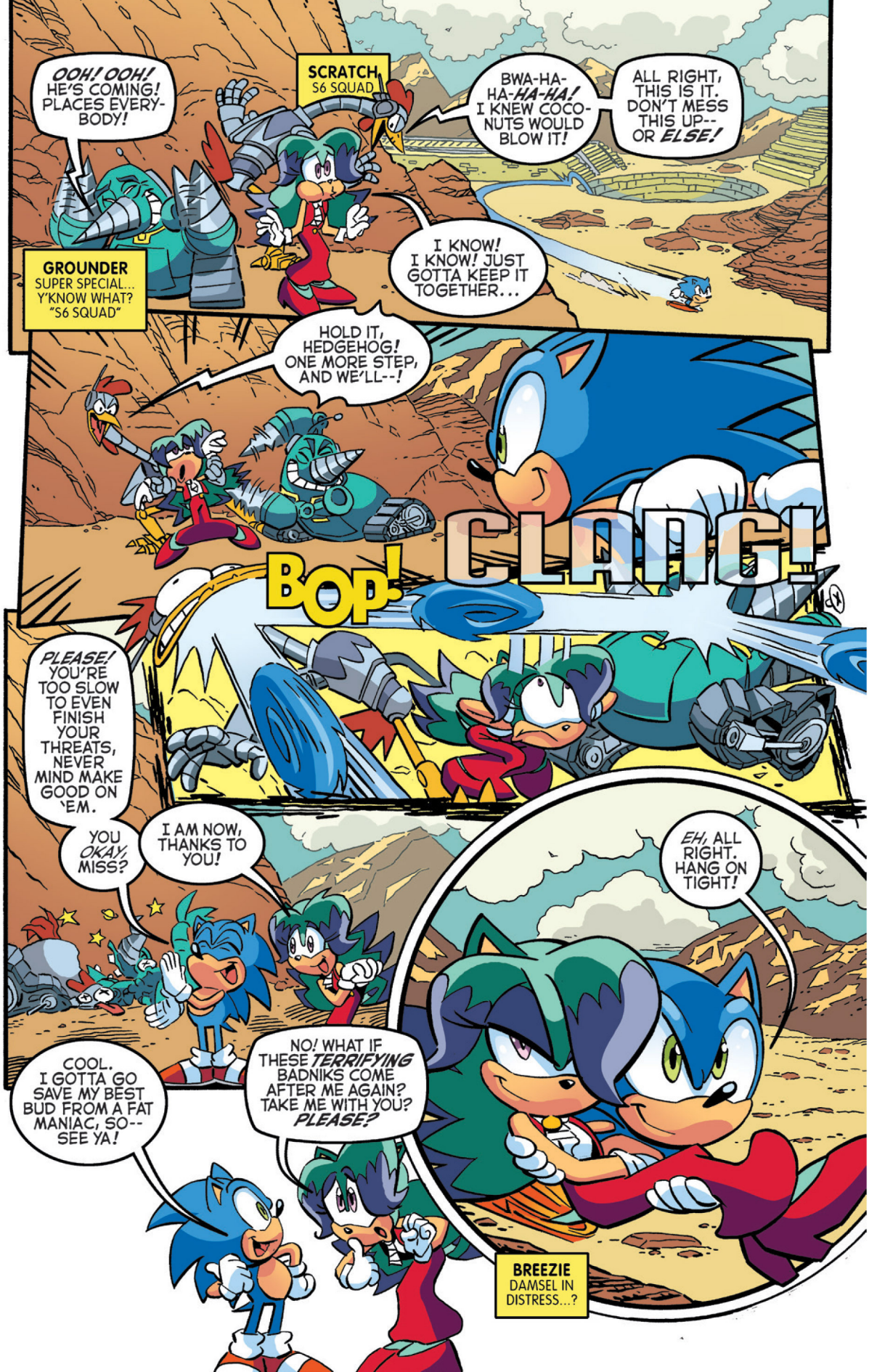
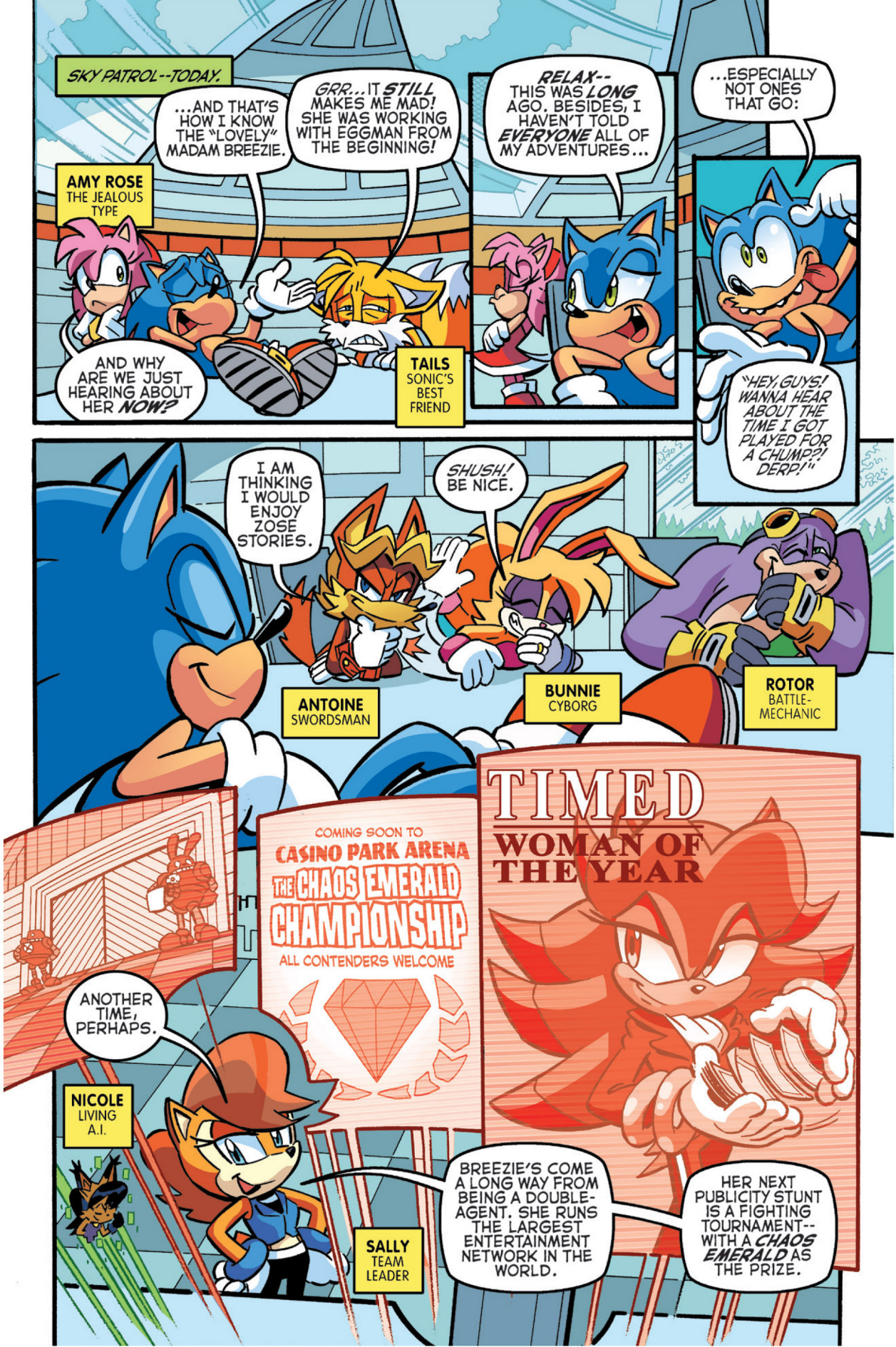
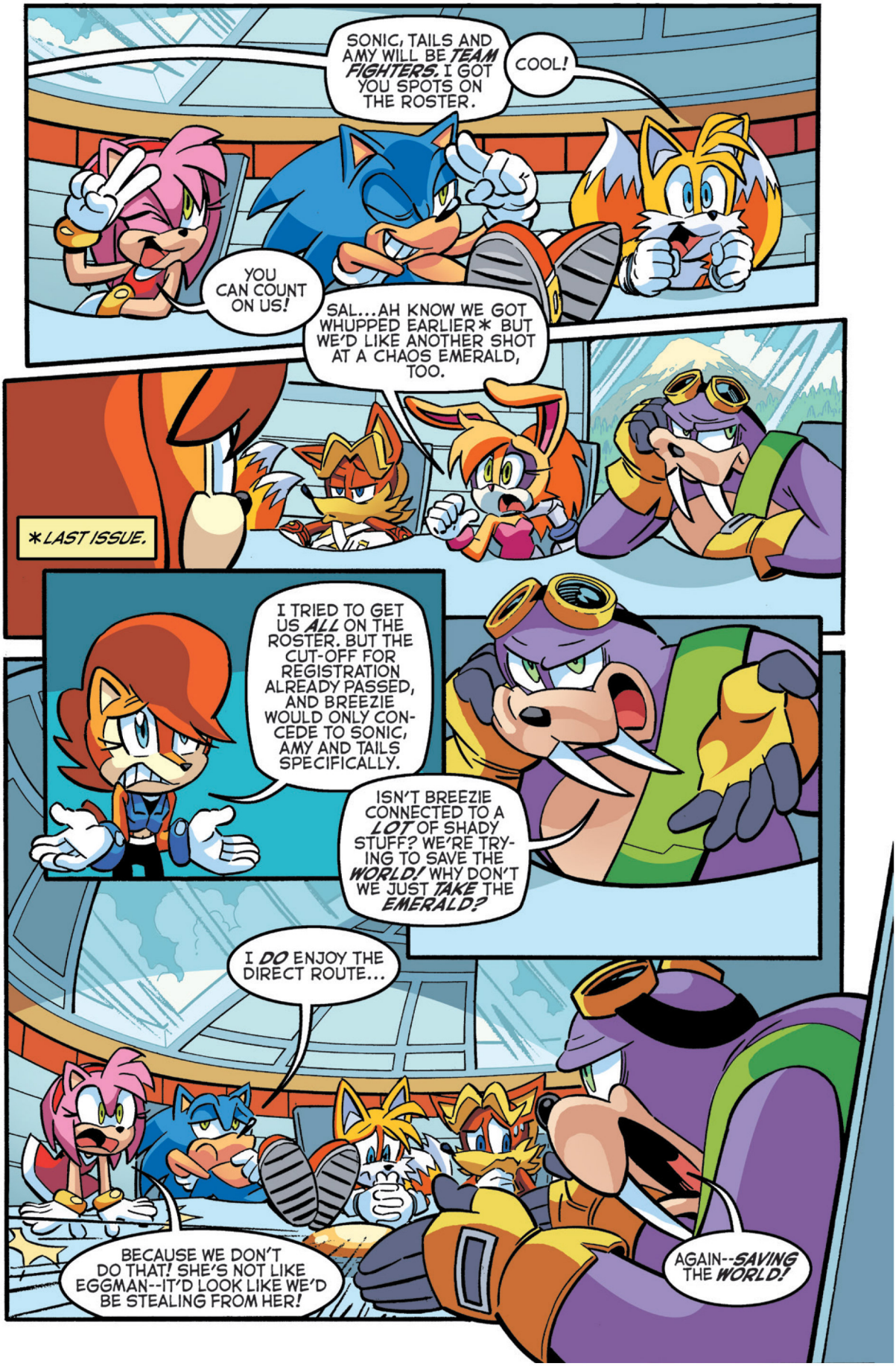
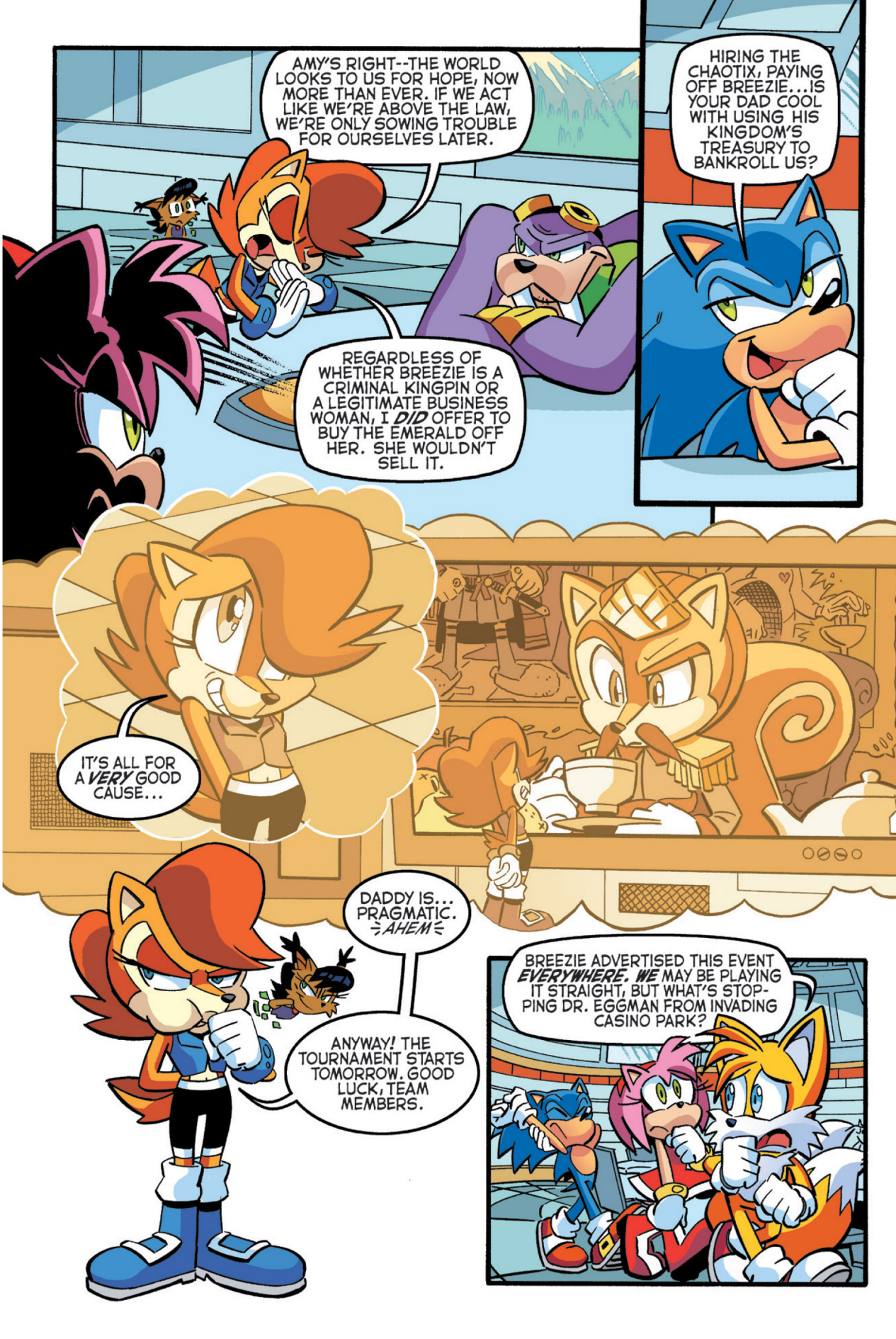
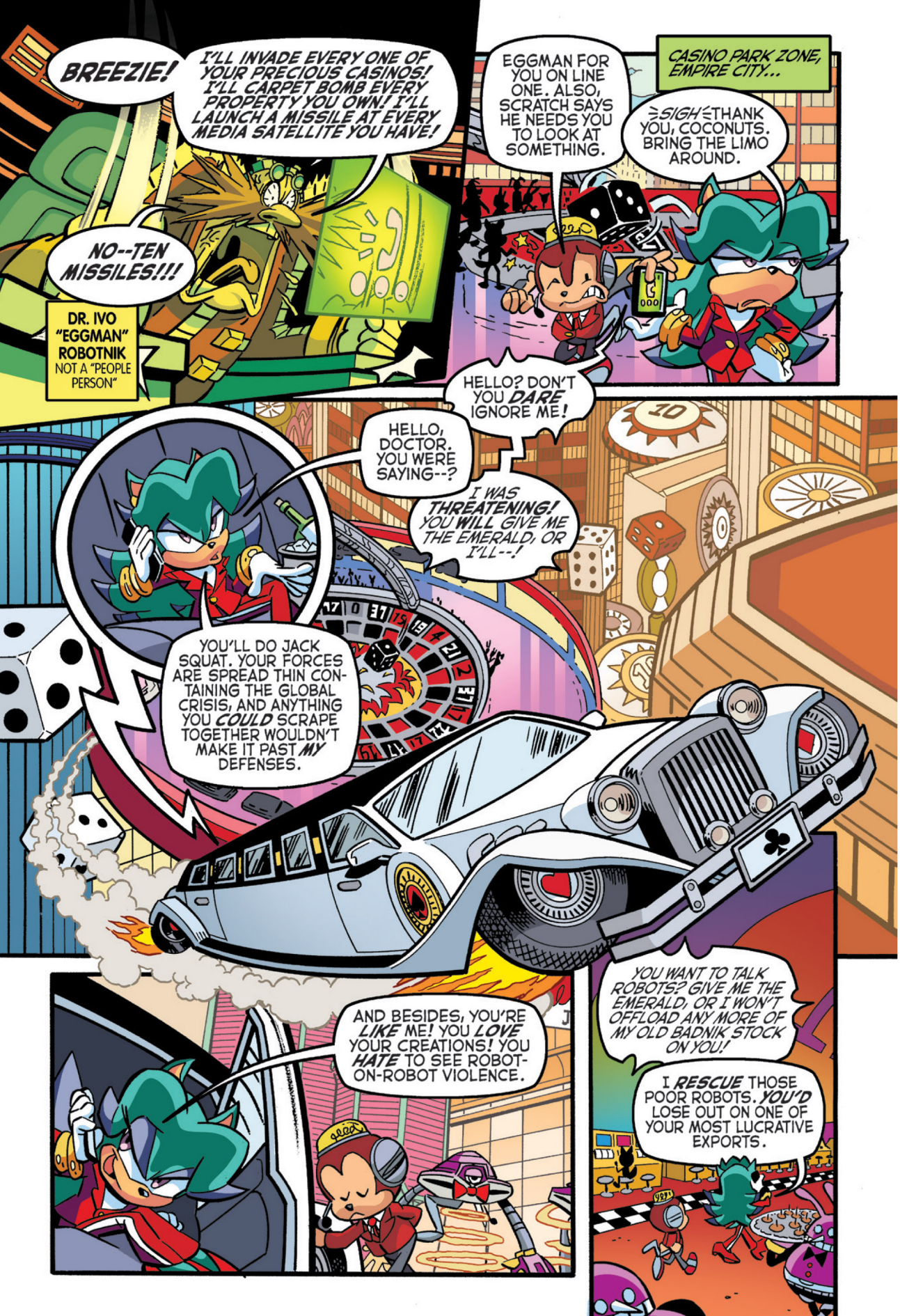
NOT WITH THAT KIND OF AIM! LOOKS LIKE THE PRIZE WILL GO TO THIS UGLY THING-- NYAH NYAH!
NO! I'M NEVER SCRUBBING ANOTHER EGG TOILET AGAIN!
Foomp!
Foomp!
KA-BOOM!
KA-BOOM!
PERFECT!
KA-BLAM!
GOOOOOAL!
NOW FOR THE OTHER TWO!
GYAH!
IT'S LIKE I'M LIVING A BAD COMEDY...


OOH! OOH! HE'S COMING! PLACES EVERY-BODY!
SCRATCH S6 SQUAD
BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA! I KNEW COCO-NUTS WOULD BLOW IT!
ALL RIGHT, THIS IS IT. DON'T MESS THIS UP-- OR ELSE!
GROUNDER SUPER SPECIAL... Y'KNOW WHAT? "S6 SQUAD"
I KNOW! I KNOW! JUST GOTTA KEEP IT TOGETHER...
HOLD IT, HEDGEHOG! ONE MORE STEP, AND WE'LL--!
BOP!
CLANG!
PLEASE! YOU'RE TOO SLOW TO EVEN FINISH YOUR THREATS, NEVER MIND MAKE GOOD ON 'EM.
YOU OKAY, MISS?
I AM NOW, THANKS TO YOU!
EH, ALL RIGHT. HANG ON TIGHT!
COOL. I GOTTA GO SAVE MY BEST BUD FROM A FAT MANIAC, SO-- SEE YA!
NO! WHAT IF THESE TERRIFYING BADNIKS COME AFTER ME AGAIN? TAKE ME WITH YOU? PLEASE?
BREEZIE DAMSEL IN DISTRESS...?

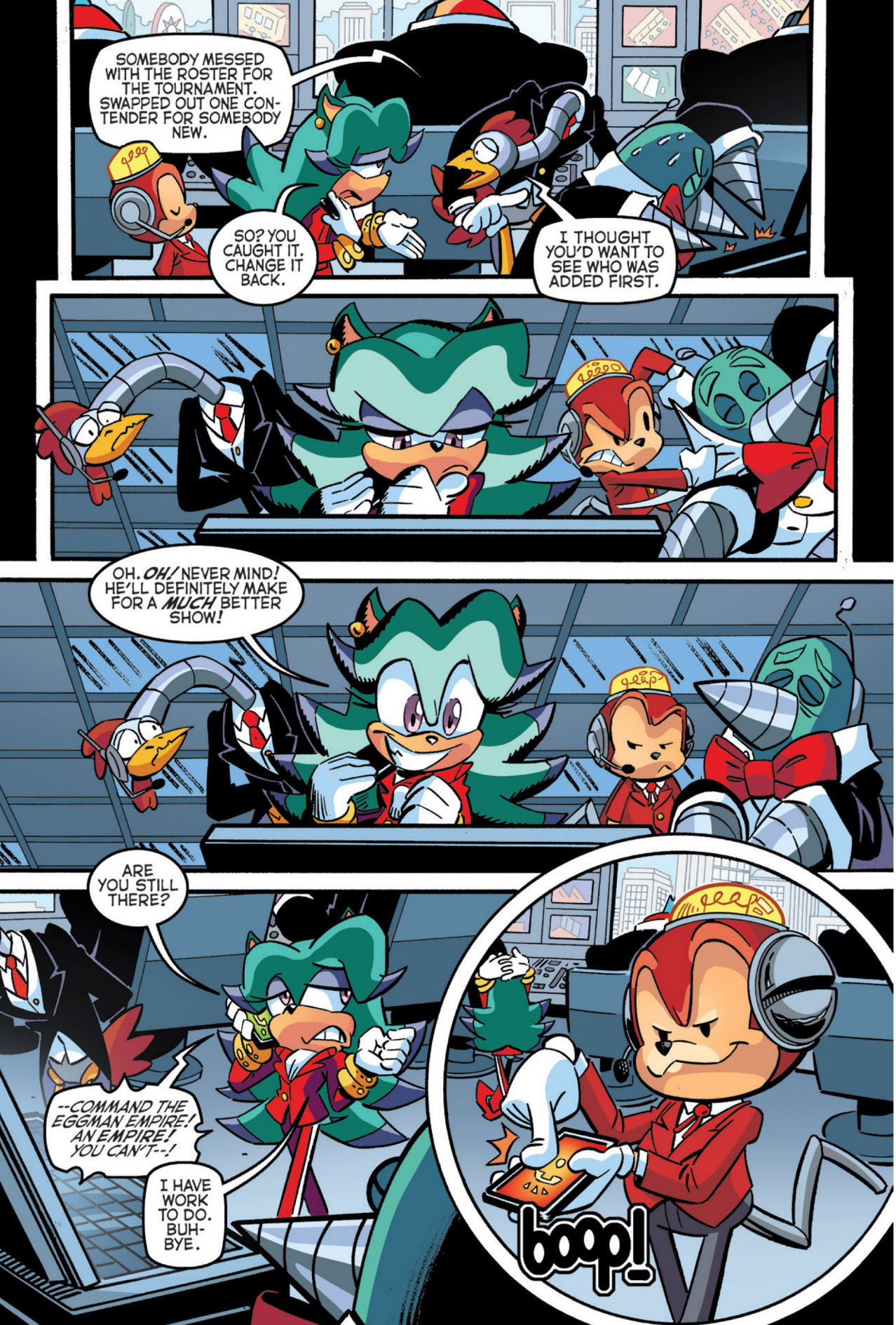

SKY PATROL--TODAY.
...AND THAT'S HOW I KNOW THE "LOVELY" MADAM BREEZIE.
GRR...IT STILL MAKES ME MAD! SHE WAS WORKING WITH EGGMAN FROM THE BEGINNING!
AMY ROSE THE JEALOUS TYPE
AND WHY ARE WE JUST HEARING ABOUT HER NOW?
TAILS SONIC'S BEST FRIEND
RELAX-- THIS WAS LONG AGO. BESIDES, I HAVEN'T TOLD EVERYONE ALL OF MY ADVENTURES...
...ESPECIALLY NOT ONES THAT GO:
"HEY, GUYS! WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE TIME I GOT PLAYED FOR A CHUMP?! DERP!"
I AM THINKING I WOULD ENJOY ZOSE STORIES.
SHUSH! BE NICE.
ANTOINE SWORDSMAN
BUNNIE CYBORG
ROTOR BATTLE-MECHANIC
COMING SOON TO
CASINO PARK ARENA
THE CHAOS EMERALD CHAMPIONSHIP
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME
TIMED
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS.
NICOLE LIVING A.I.
SALLY TEAM LEADER
BREEZIE'S COME A LONG WAY FROM BEING A DOUBLE-AGENT. SHE RUNS THE LARGEST ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK IN THE WORLD.
HER NEXT PUBLICITY STUNT IS A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT-- WITH A CHAOS EMERALD AS THE PRIZE.

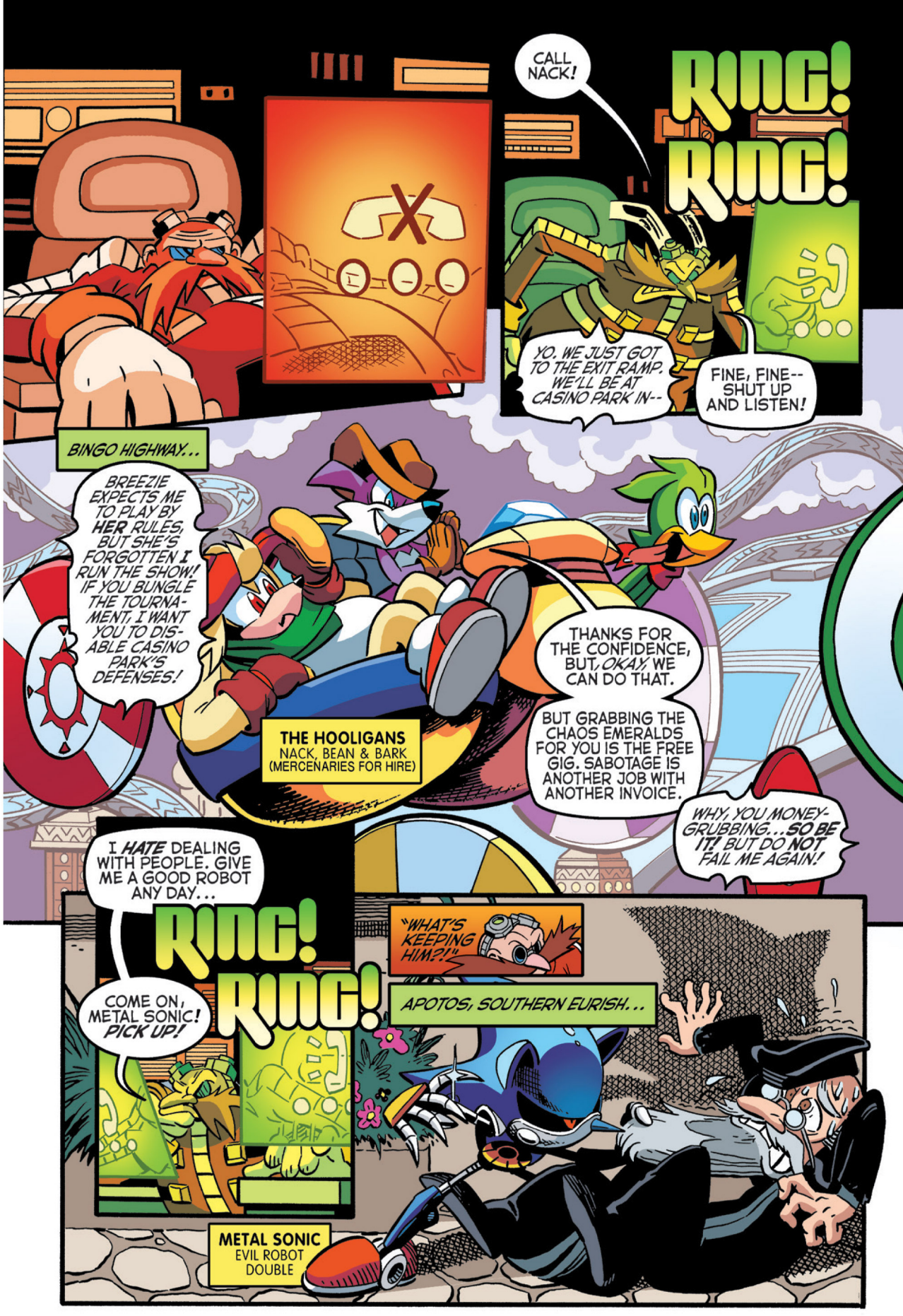

SONIC, TAILS AND AMY WILL BE TEAM FIGHTERS. I GOT YOU SPOTS ON THE ROSTER.
COOL!
YOU CAN COUNT ON US!
SAL...AH KNOW WE GOT WHUPPED EARLIER* BUT WE'D LIKE ANOTHER SHOT AT A CHAOS EMERALD, TOO.
*LAST ISSUE.
I TRIED TO GET US ALL ON THE ROSTER. BUT THE CUT-OFF FOR REGISTRATION ALREADY PASSED, AND BREEZIE WOULD ONLY CONCEDE TO SONIC, AMY AND TAILS SPECIFICALLY.
ISN'T BREEZIE CONNECTED TO A LOT OF SHADY STUFF? WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD! WHY DON'T WE JUST TAKE THE EMERALD?
I DO ENJOY THE DIRECT ROUTE...
BECAUSE WE DON'T DO THAT! SHE'S NOT LIKE EGGMAN--IT'D LOOK LIKE WE'D BE STEALING FROM HER!
AGAIN--SAVING THE WORLD!


AMY'S RIGHT--THE WORLD LOOKS TO US FOR HOPE, NOW MORE THAN EVER. IF WE ACT LIKE WE'RE ABOVE THE LAW, WE'RE ONLY SOWING TROUBLE FOR OURSELVES LATER.
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER BREEZIE IS A CRIMINAL KINGPIN OR A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS WOMAN, I *DID* OFFER TO BUY THE EMERALD OFF HER. SHE WOULDN'T SELL IT.
HIRING THE CHAOTIX, PAYING OFF BREEZIE...IS YOUR DAD COOL WITH USING HIS KINGDOM'S TREASURY TO BANKROLL US?
IT'S ALL FOR A *VERY* GOOD CAUSE...
DADDY IS... PRAGMATIC. =AHEM=
ANYWAY! THE TOURNAMENT STARTS TOMORROW. GOOD LUCK, TEAM MEMBERS.
BREEZIE ADVERTISED THIS EVENT *EVERYWHERE. WE* MAY BE PLAYING IT STRAIGHT, BUT WHAT'S STOPPING DR. EGGMAN FROM INVADING CASINO PARK?

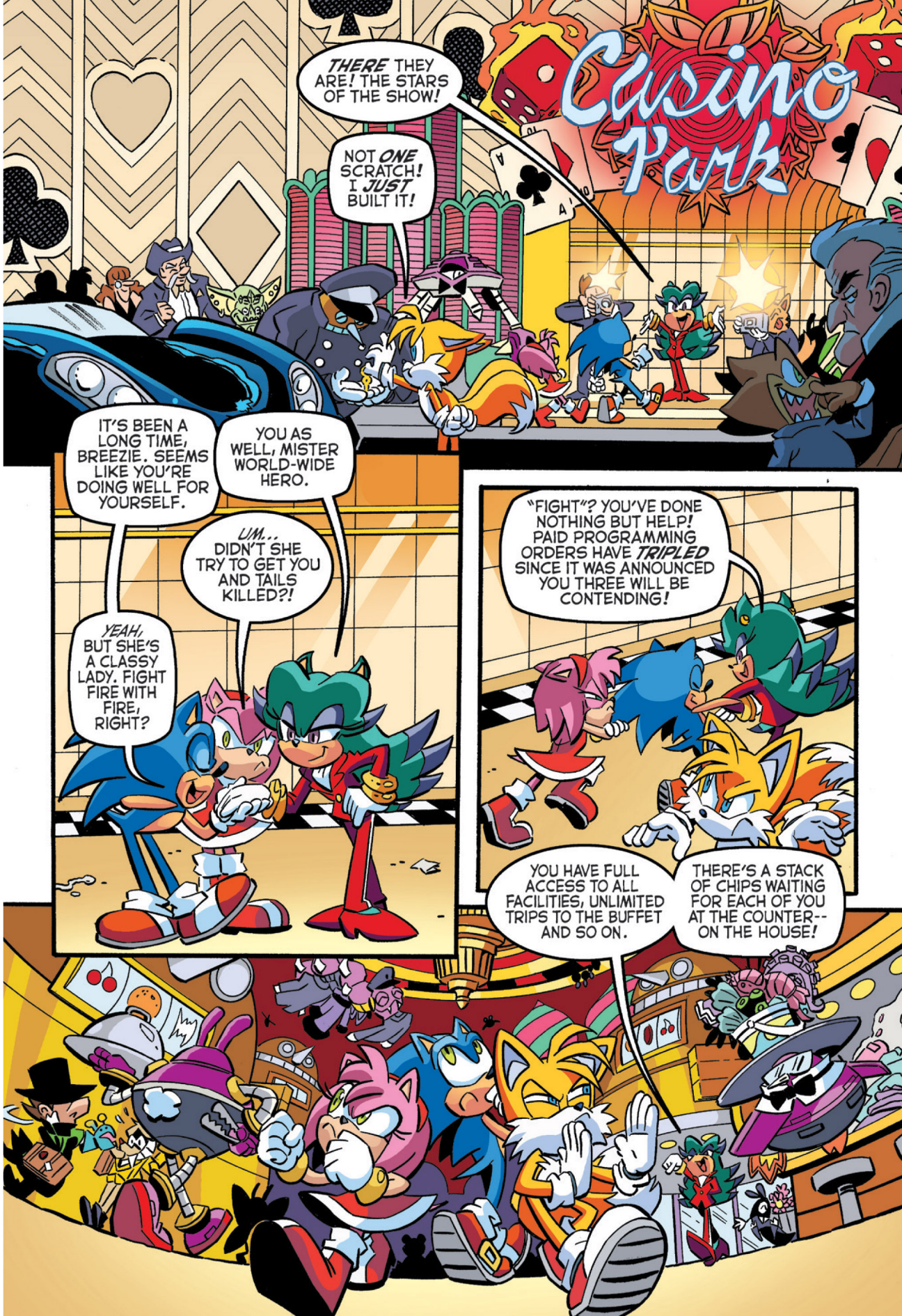

BREEZIE!
I'LL INVADE EVERY ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS CASINOS! I'LL CARPET BOMB EVERY PROPERTY YOU OWN! I'LL LAUNCH A MISSILE AT EVERY MEDIA SATELLITE YOU HAVE!
NO--TEN MISSILES!!!
DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK NOT A "PEOPLE PERSON"
EGGMAN FOR YOU ON LINE ONE. ALSO, SCRATCH SAYS HE NEEDS YOU TO LOOK AT SOMETHING.
CASINO PARK ZONE, EMPIRE CITY...
=SIGH= THANK YOU, COCONUTS. BRING THE LIMO AROUND.
HELLO? DON'T YOU DARE IGNORE ME!
HELLO, DOCTOR. YOU WERE SAYING--?
I WAS THREATENING! YOU WILL GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I'LL--!
YOU'LL DO JACK SQUAT. YOUR FORCES ARE SPREAD THIN CONTAINING THE GLOBAL CRISIS, AND ANYTHING YOU COULD SCRAPE TOGETHER WOULDN'T MAKE IT PAST MY DEFENSES.
AND BESIDES, YOU'RE LIKE ME! YOU LOVE YOUR CREATIONS! YOU HATE TO SEE ROBOT-ON-ROBOT VIOLENCE.
YOU WANT TO TALK ROBOTS? GIVE ME THE EMERALD, OR I WON'T OFFLOAD ANY MORE OF MY OLD BADNIK STOCK ON YOU!
I RESCUE THOSE POOR ROBOTS. YOU'D LOSE OUT ON ONE OF YOUR MOST LUCRATIVE EXPORTS.

GRRR...FINE! I'LL BE GENEROUS. HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT FOR IT?
HA HA HA! YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH!
WHAT?!
PANEM ET CIRCENSES, DOCTOR.
THE WORLD IS IN RUINS, AND ITS PEOPLE ARE MISERABLE. I WILL GIVE THEM A SHOW LIKE NO OTHER, AND THEY WILL PAY OUT THE NOSE FOR THE DISTRACTION.
YOU CAN'T HARM ME, THREATEN ME OR BUY ME. I LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU, IVO, BUT I'VE LONG SINCE GRADUATED FROM YOUR SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS.
YOU CAN'T TALK TO ME THAT WAY, YOU--!
SOMETHING NEEDED MY ATTENTION?
YES, MA'AM!

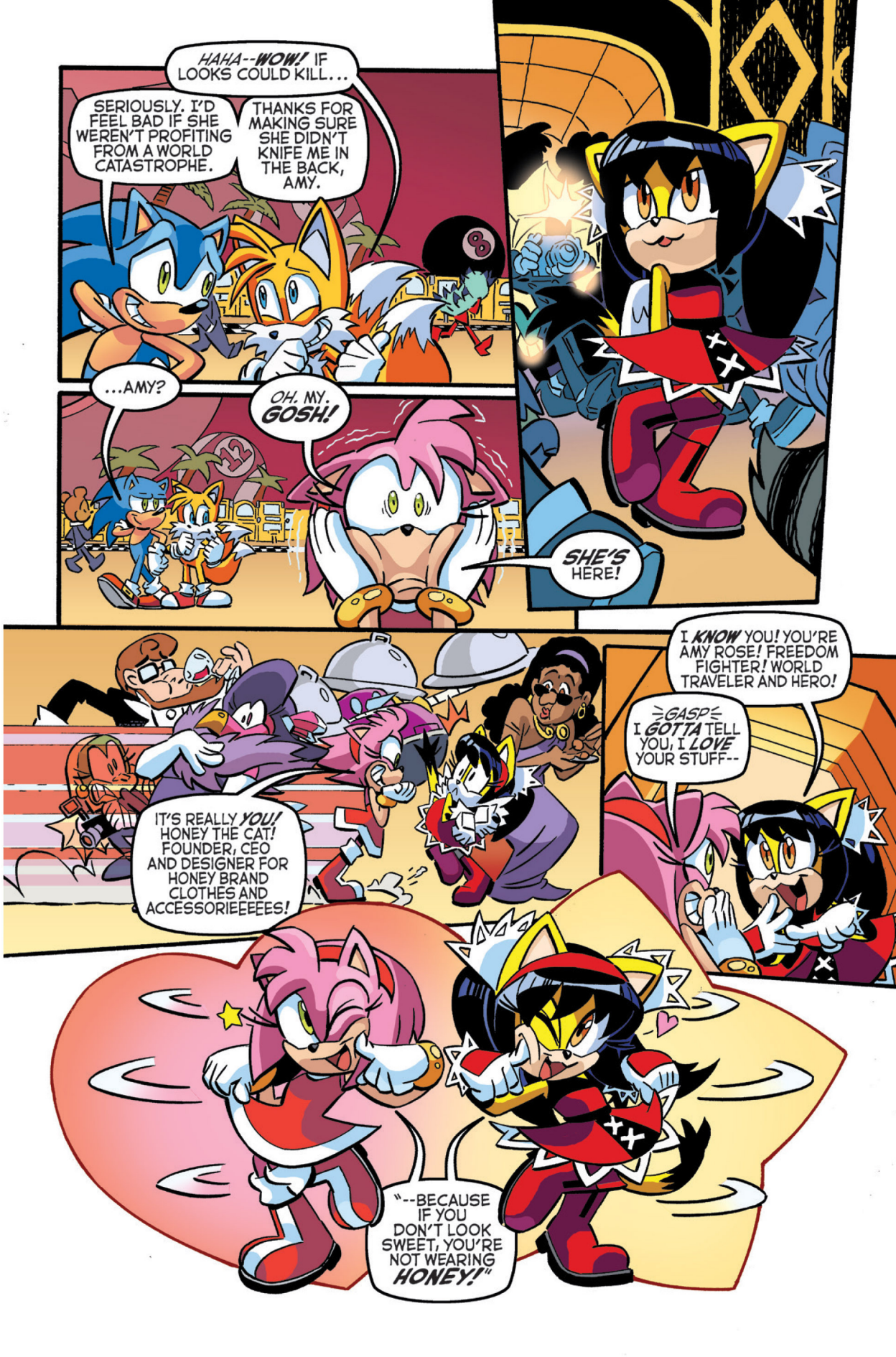

SOMEBODY MESSED WITH THE ROSTER FOR THE TOURNAMENT. SWAPPED OUT ONE CONTENDER FOR SOMEBODY NEW.
SO? YOU CAUGHT IT. CHANGE IT BACK.
I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO SEE WHO WAS ADDED FIRST.
OH. *OH!* NEVER MIND! HE'LL DEFINITELY MAKE FOR A *MUCH* BETTER SHOW!
ARE YOU STILL THERE?
--COMMAND THE EGGMAN EMPIRE! AN EMPIRE! YOU CAN'T--!
I HAVE WORK TO DO. BUH-BYE.
boop!


CALL NACK!
RING! RING!
YO. WE JUST GOT TO THE EXIT RAMP. WE'LL BE AT CASINO PARK IN--
FINE, FINE-- SHUT UP AND LISTEN!
BINGO HIGHWAY...
BREEZIE EXPECTS ME TO PLAY BY HER RULES, BUT SHE'S FORGOTTEN I RUN THE SHOW! IF YOU BUNGLE THE TOURNAMENT, I WANT YOU TO DISABLE CASINO PARK'S DEFENSES!
THE HOOLIGANS
NACK, BEAN & BARK
(MERCENARIES FOR HIRE)
THANKS FOR THE CONFIDENCE, BUT, OKAY, WE CAN DO THAT.
BUT GRABBING THE CHAOS EMERALDS FOR YOU IS THE FREE GIG. SABOTAGE IS ANOTHER JOB WITH ANOTHER INVOICE.
WHY, YOU MONEY-GRUBBING...SO BE IT! BUT DO NOT FAIL ME AGAIN!
I HATE DEALING WITH PEOPLE. GIVE ME A GOOD ROBOT ANY DAY...
RING! RING!
COME ON, METAL SONIC! PICK UP!
"WHAT'S KEEPING HIM?!"
APOTOS, SOUTHERN EURISH...
METAL SONIC
EVIL ROBOT DOUBLE

RING! RING!
P-PLEASE! I-I D-DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU W-WANT! I'M J-JUST AN OLD MAN! I-I-I DON'T--!
D-DO YOU NEED TO GET THAT?
RING! RING!
I HAVE FOUND A TARGET OF INTEREST CONCERNING THE GAIA TEMPLES. I AM...
NEVER MIND THAT! I'M SENDING YOU COORDINATES. GET OVER THERE --ON THE DOUBLE!
BUDOSH!
THIS IS A PROBLEM ...I MUST BREAK TRADITION AND WARN THE OTHERS.


Casino Park
THERE THEY ARE! THE STARS OF THE SHOW!
NOT ONE SCRATCH! I JUST BUILT IT!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BREEZIE. SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE DOING WELL FOR YOURSELF.
YOU AS WELL, MISTER WORLD-WIDE HERO.
UM... DIDN'T SHE TRY TO GET YOU AND TAILS KILLED?!
YEAH, BUT SHE'S A CLASSY LADY. FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, RIGHT?
"FIGHT"? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT HELP! PAID PROGRAMMING ORDERS HAVE TRIPLED SINCE IT WAS ANNOUNCED YOU THREE WILL BE CONTENDING!
YOU HAVE FULL ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES, UNLIMITED TRIPS TO THE BUFFET AND SO ON.
THERE'S A STACK OF CHIPS WAITING FOR EACH OF YOU AT THE COUNTER-- ON THE HOUSE!

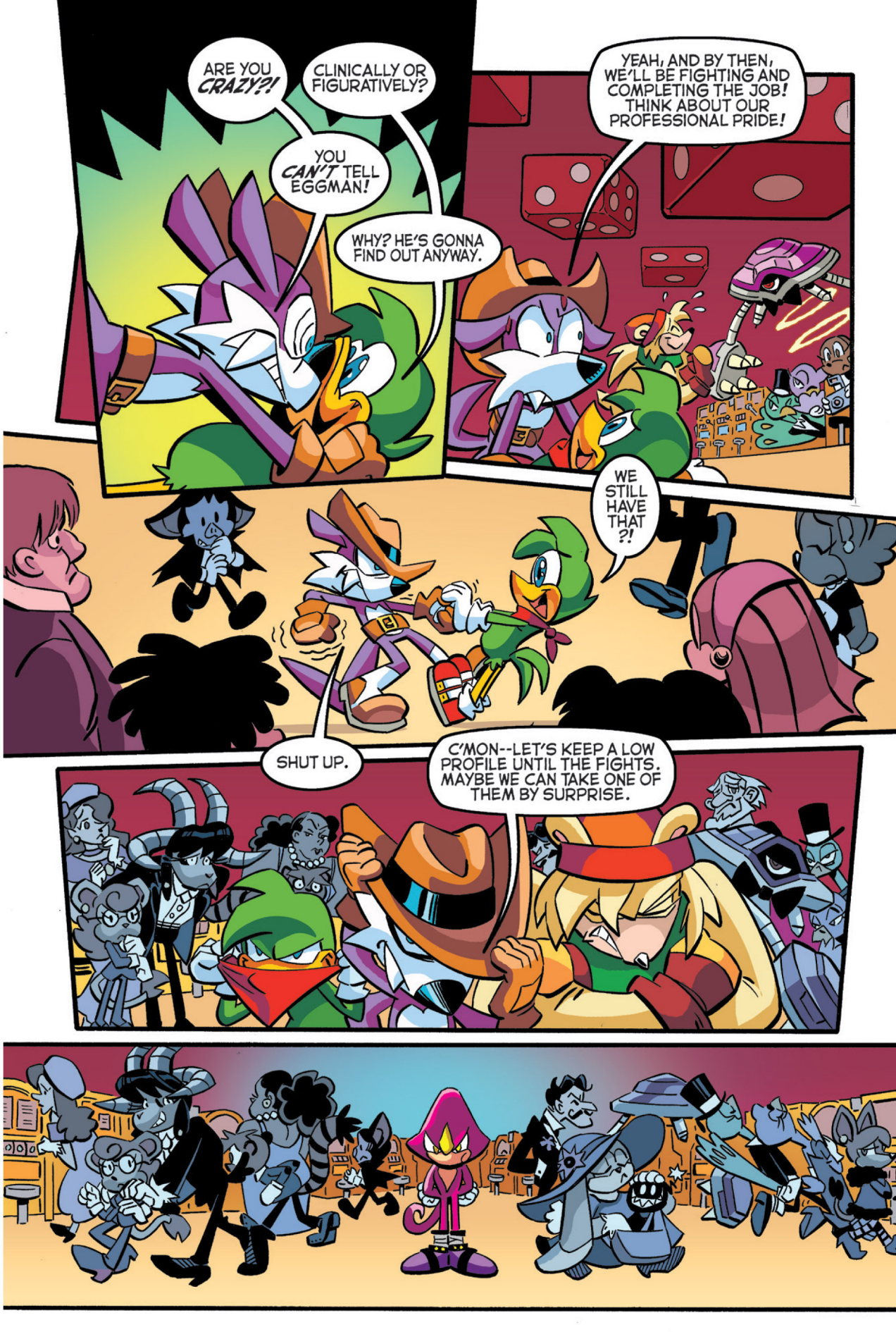
AND, OF COURSE, THERE ARE A FEW RULES.
ONCE THINGS GET STARTED, THERE'S TO BE NO FIGHTING OUTSIDE OF THE RING--SAVE IT FOR THE CAMERAS.
NO HELPING YOUR BUDDIES IN THE RING... AND SHOW UP IN TIME FOR YOUR MATCHES.
DID YOU GET ALL THAT? OR WAS I TOO FAST FOR YOU?
NAH. ONE RULE OF MY OWN--YOU DON'T SCHEDULE ME AT NIGHT.
OH-HO-HO, DARLING! YOU DON'T MAKE THE RULES--I DO. YOU ARE PRIME TIME ALL THE WAY.
I GUESS I'M OUT, THEN. I KNOW THESE TWO CAN HANDLE THINGS WITHOUT ME! LATER!
WAIT! DAYTIME IT IS.
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS WITH YOU--AS ALWAYS.
DON'T FORGET--IF YOU TRY TO BEAT THE HOUSE, THE HOUSE BEATS YOU.

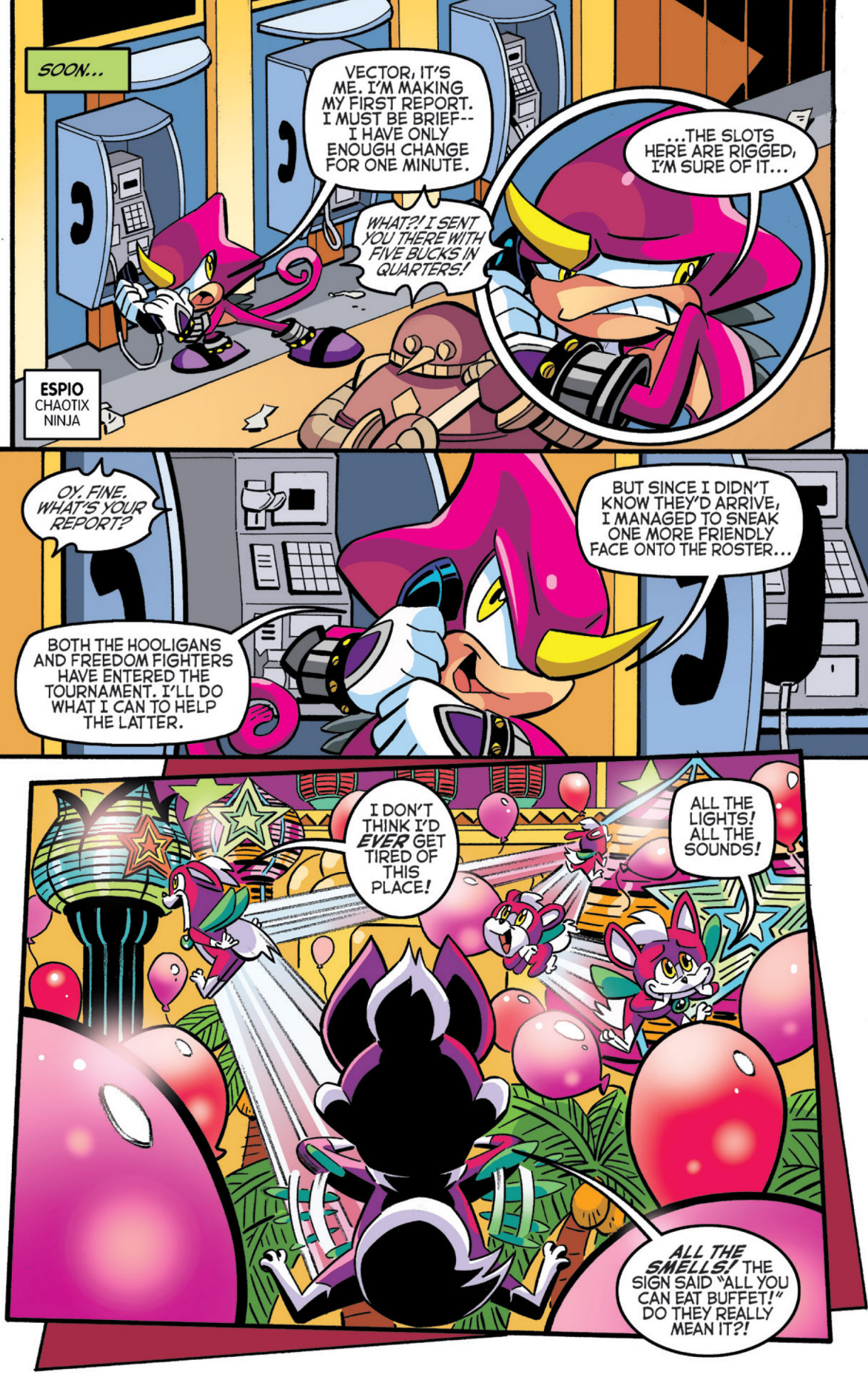

HAHA--WOW! IF LOOKS COULD KILL...
SERIOUSLY. I'D FEEL BAD IF SHE WEREN'T PROFITING FROM A WORLD CATASTROPHE.
THANKS FOR MAKING SURE SHE DIDN'T KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, AMY.
...AMY?
OH. MY. GOSH!
SHE'S HERE!
I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE AMY ROSE! FREEDOM FIGHTER! WORLD TRAVELER AND HERO!
≥GASP≤ I GOTTA TELL YOU, I LOVE YOUR STUFF--
IT'S REALLY YOU! HONEY THE CAT! FOUNDER, CEO AND DESIGNER FOR HONEY BRAND CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIEEEES!
"--BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T LOOK SWEET, YOU'RE NOT WEARING HONEY!"

WHAT'S TERRIFYING IS, I KNOW THEY DIDN'T REHEARSE THAT.
HMM...THIS OUTFIT IS FROM MY OLD "DREAM-CASTERS" LINE.
HAHA--YEP! I LOVE IT! I PRACTICALLY WEAR NOTHING ELSE!
TELL YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING--I'M RE-LAUNCHING IT AS THE "ROSE COLLECTION." YOU WILL MODEL AND BE MY SPOKESWOMAN, OF COURSE.
AND TO HELP SALES...DON'T YOU KNOW A PRINCESS?
EEE! YES!
I KNOW TWO!
SO--WHAT BRINGS A FASHION DIVA TO A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT?
I'M COMPETING!
REALLY?
YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT! I'M ALL ABOUT SELF-PROMOTION, AND THE EVENTS DON'T GET ANY BIGGER THAN THIS!

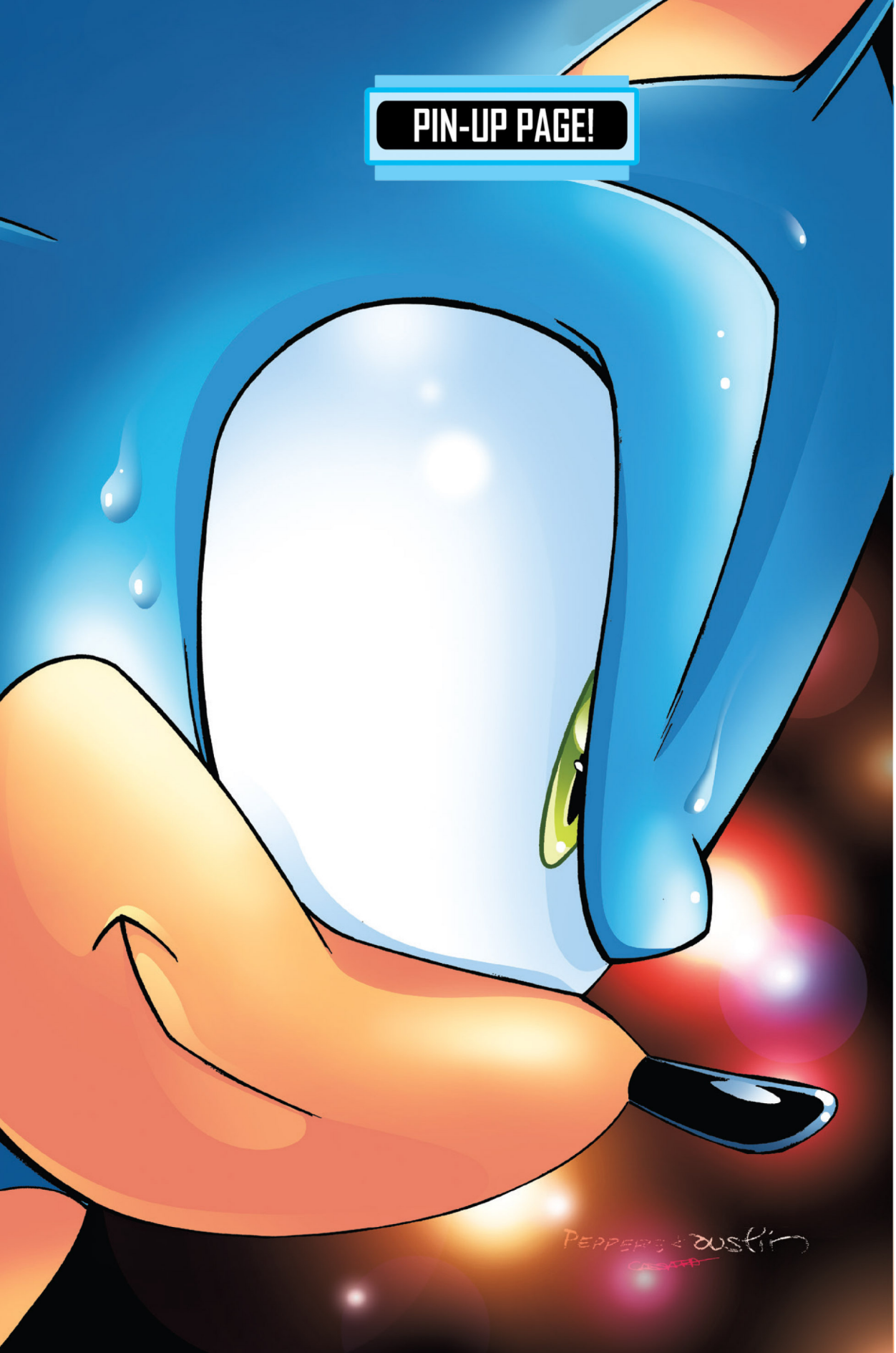
WHAT ABOUT YOU THREE? AREN'T YOU HIGH-PROFILE ENOUGH ALREADY?
WE'VE COME TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD. IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF OUR PLAN TO SAVE THE WORLD!
IS THAT A FACT?
LIKE I SAID, I'M JUST HERE TO ADVERTISE. IF I WIN, I'LL HAND THE GEM OVER TO YOU GUYS.
REALLY?! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
AND IN RETURN, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HELP PROMOTE MY NEXT LINE, RIIIIIIIIIGHT?
...I ONLY WEAR SHOES, SOCKS AND GLOVES.
YOU CAN ACCESSORIZE.
OHMYGOSH, CREAM WOULD LOOK SO CUTE IN YOUR KIDS' CLOTHING!
OH, BOY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ON OUR SIDE, AT LEAST...
...SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE WE'RE FACING YET.
SHINY... OVERLOAD...

GET DOWN, YOU MORONS!
NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING THOSE THREE! RUNNING INTO KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX WAS JUST BAD LUCK,* BUT THIS...!
MAYBE THEY'RE JUST HERE TO PLAY POKER?
*"THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER" SU#63-66.
THE ONLY THING THEY DO IS FIGHT EGGMAN AND SAVE PEOPLE. FOR FREE. THEY'RE HERE FOR THE EMERALD.
OH, WELL. I BET TAILS COUNTS CARDS, ANYWAY.
BETTER CALL BALDY MCNOSEHAIR AND TELL HIM WE'RE MOVING STRAIGHT TO PLAN B!


ARE YOU CRAZY?!
CLINICALLY OR FIGURATIVELY?
YOU CAN'T TELL EGGMAN!
WHY? HE'S GONNA FIND OUT ANYWAY.
YEAH, AND BY THEN, WE'LL BE FIGHTING AND COMPLETING THE JOB! THINK ABOUT OUR PROFESSIONAL PRIDE!
WE STILL HAVE THAT ?!
SHUT UP.
C'MON--LET'S KEEP A LOW PROFILE UNTIL THE FIGHTS. MAYBE WE CAN TAKE ONE OF THEM BY SURPRISE.


SOON...
VECTOR, IT'S ME. I'M MAKING MY FIRST REPORT. I MUST BE BRIEF-- I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH CHANGE FOR ONE MINUTE.
WHAT?! I SENT YOU THERE WITH FIVE BUCKS IN QUARTERS!
...THE SLOTS HERE ARE RIGGED, I'M SURE OF IT...
ESPIO
CHAOTIX NINJA
OY. FINE. WHAT'S YOUR REPORT?
BOTH THE HOOLIGANS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE ENTERED THE TOURNAMENT. I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP THE LATTER.
BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW THEY'D ARRIVE, I MANAGED TO SNEAK ONE MORE FRIENDLY FACE ONTO THE ROSTER...
I DON'T THINK I'D EVER GET TIRED OF THIS PLACE!
ALL THE LIGHTS! ALL THE SOUNDS!
ALL THE SMELLS! THE SIGN SAID "ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET!" DO THEY REALLY MEAN IT?!

I'M SORRY... HERE I AM GOING ON AND ON, WHEN I SHOULD BE HELPING YOU LOOK FOR THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS...
DON'T SWEAT IT. LEAVE THE TREASURE HUNTING TO ME.
I CAN SENSE THE CHAOS ENERGY-- THERE'S GOTTA BE A SHARD HERE!
CHIP (SUPPOSEDLY) POWERFUL SPIRIT
KNUCKLES SONIC'S LONGTIME RIVAL
THE FIGHTERS HAVE ASSEMBLED! THE STAKES ARE SET! ROUND ONE BEGINS NEXT!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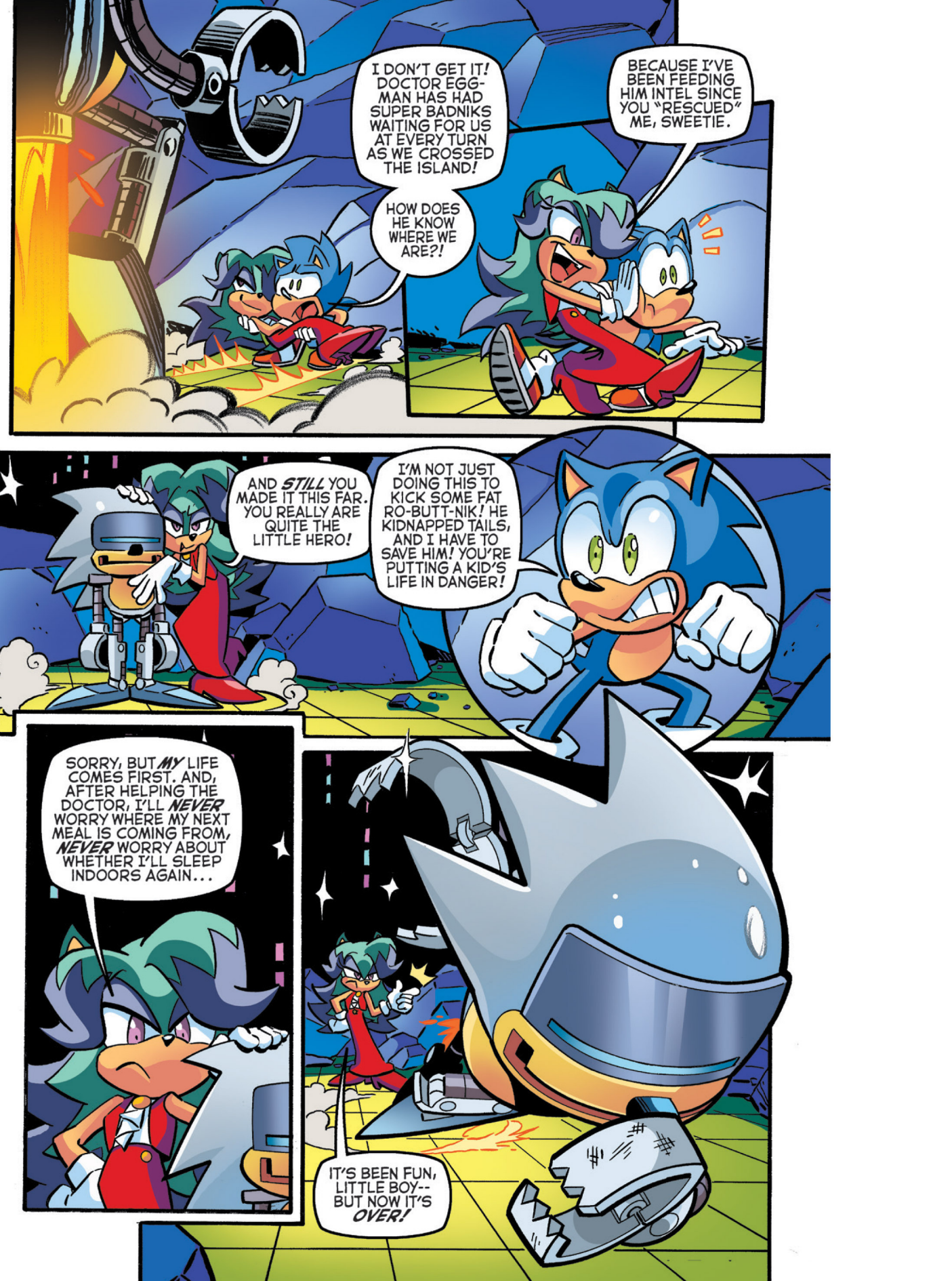
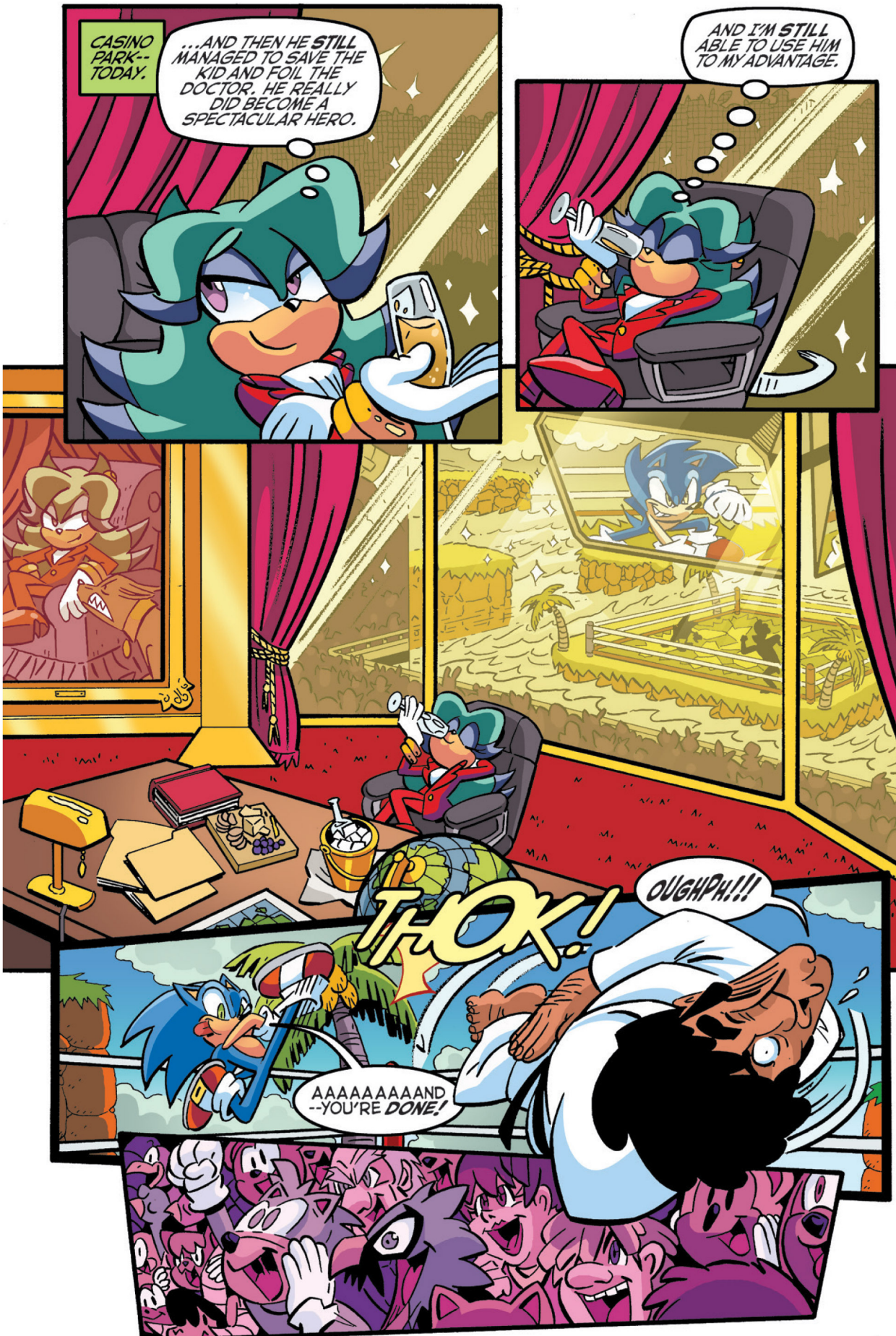
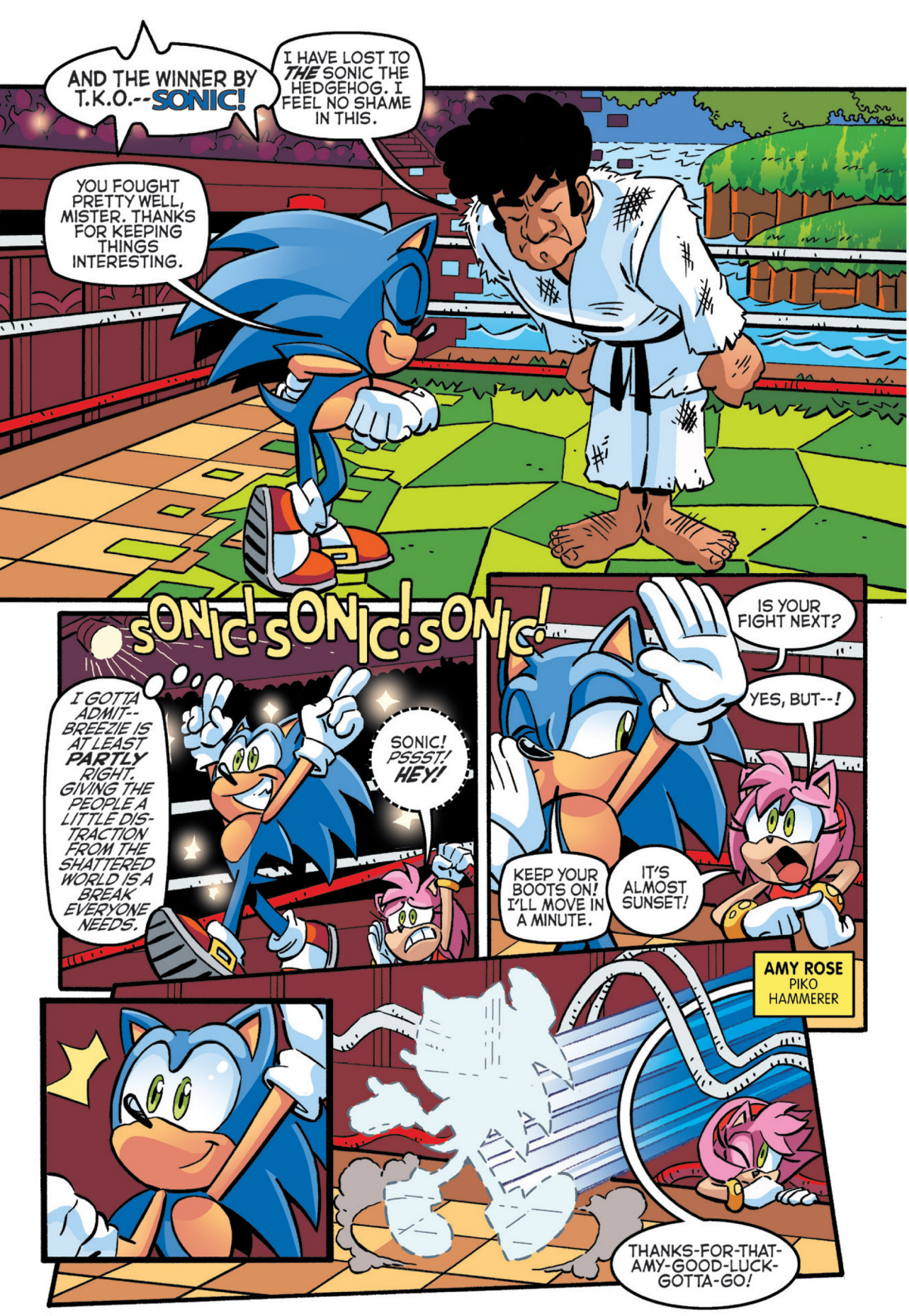

I DON'T GET IT! DOCTOR EGG-MAN HAS HAD SUPER BADNIKS WAITING FOR US AT EVERY TURN AS WE CROSSED THE ISLAND!
HOW DOES HE KNOW WHERE WE ARE?!
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN FEEDING HIM INTEL SINCE YOU "RESCUED" ME, SWEETIE.
AND *STILL* YOU MADE IT THIS FAR. YOU REALLY ARE QUITE THE LITTLE HERO!
I'M NOT JUST DOING THIS TO KICK SOME FAT RO-BUTT-NIK! HE KIDNAPPED TAILS, AND I HAVE TO SAVE HIM! YOU'RE PUTTING A KID'S LIFE IN DANGER!
SORRY, BUT *MY* LIFE COMES FIRST. AND, AFTER HELPING THE DOCTOR, I'LL *NEVER* WORRY WHERE MY NEXT MEAL IS COMING FROM, *NEVER* WORRY ABOUT WHETHER I'LL SLEEP INDOORS AGAIN...
IT'S BEEN FUN, LITTLE BOY-- BUT NOW IT'S *OVER!*

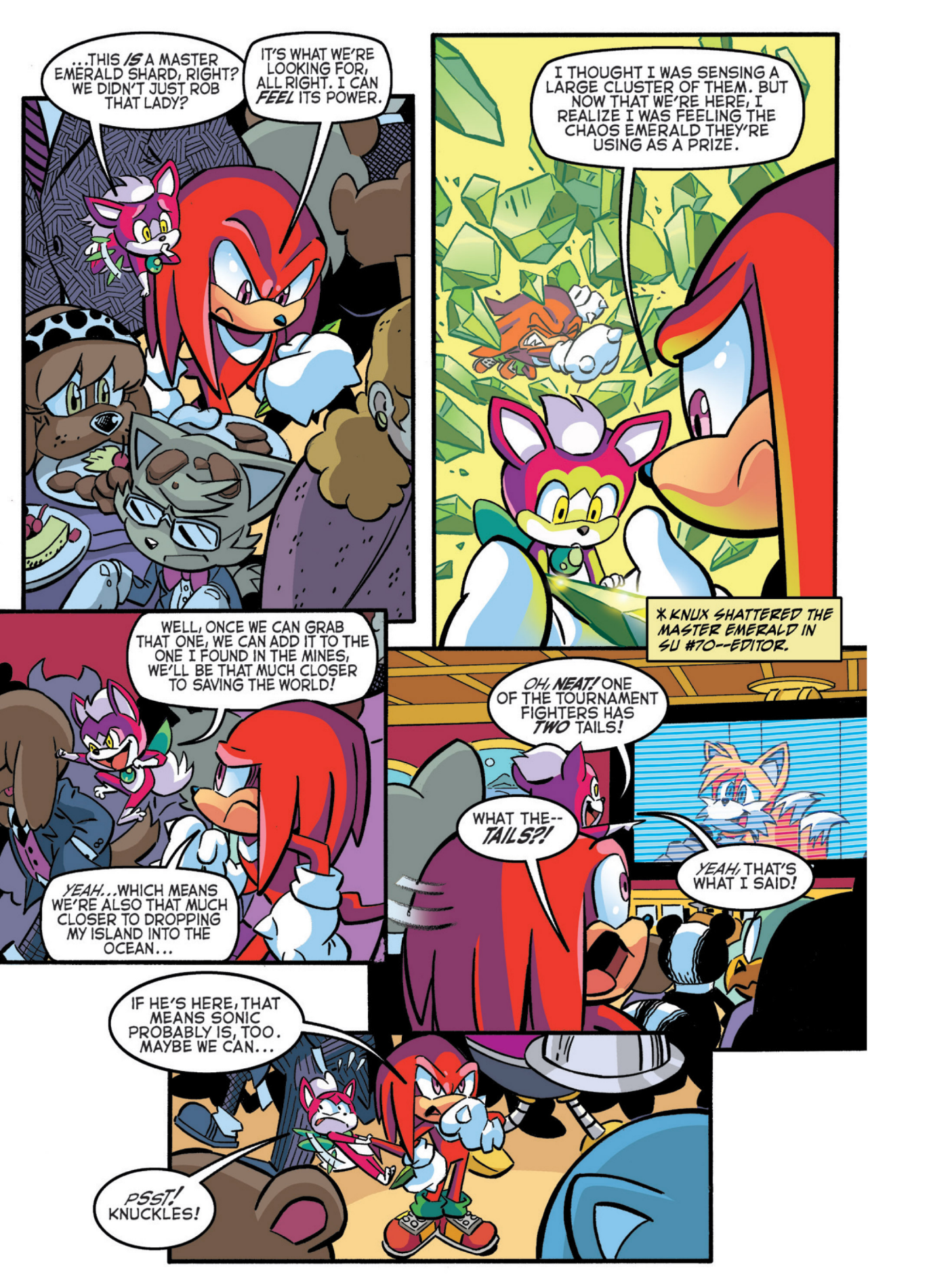

CASINO PARK--TODAY.
...AND THEN HE STILL MANAGED TO SAVE THE KID AND FOIL THE DOCTOR. HE REALLY DID BECOME A SPECTACULAR HERO.
AND I'M STILL ABLE TO USE HIM TO MY ADVANTAGE.
THOK!
OUGHPH!!!
AAAAAAAAAND --YOU'RE DONE!


AND THE WINNER BY T.K.O.--SONIC!
I HAVE LOST TO THE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I FEEL NO SHAME IN THIS.
YOU FOUGHT PRETTY WELL, MISTER. THANKS FOR KEEPING THINGS INTERESTING.
SONIC! SONIC! SONIC!
I GOTTA ADMIT-- BREEZIE IS AT LEAST PARTLY RIGHT. GIVING THE PEOPLE A LITTLE DIS-TRACTION FROM THE SHATTERED WORLD IS A BREAK EVERYONE NEEDS.
SONIC! PSSST! HEY!
IS YOUR FIGHT NEXT?
YES, BUT--!
KEEP YOUR BOOTS ON! I'LL MOVE IN A MINUTE.
IT'S ALMOST SUNSET!
AMY ROSE
PIKO HAMMERER
THANKS-FOR-THAT-AMY-GOOD-LUCK-GOTTA-GO!

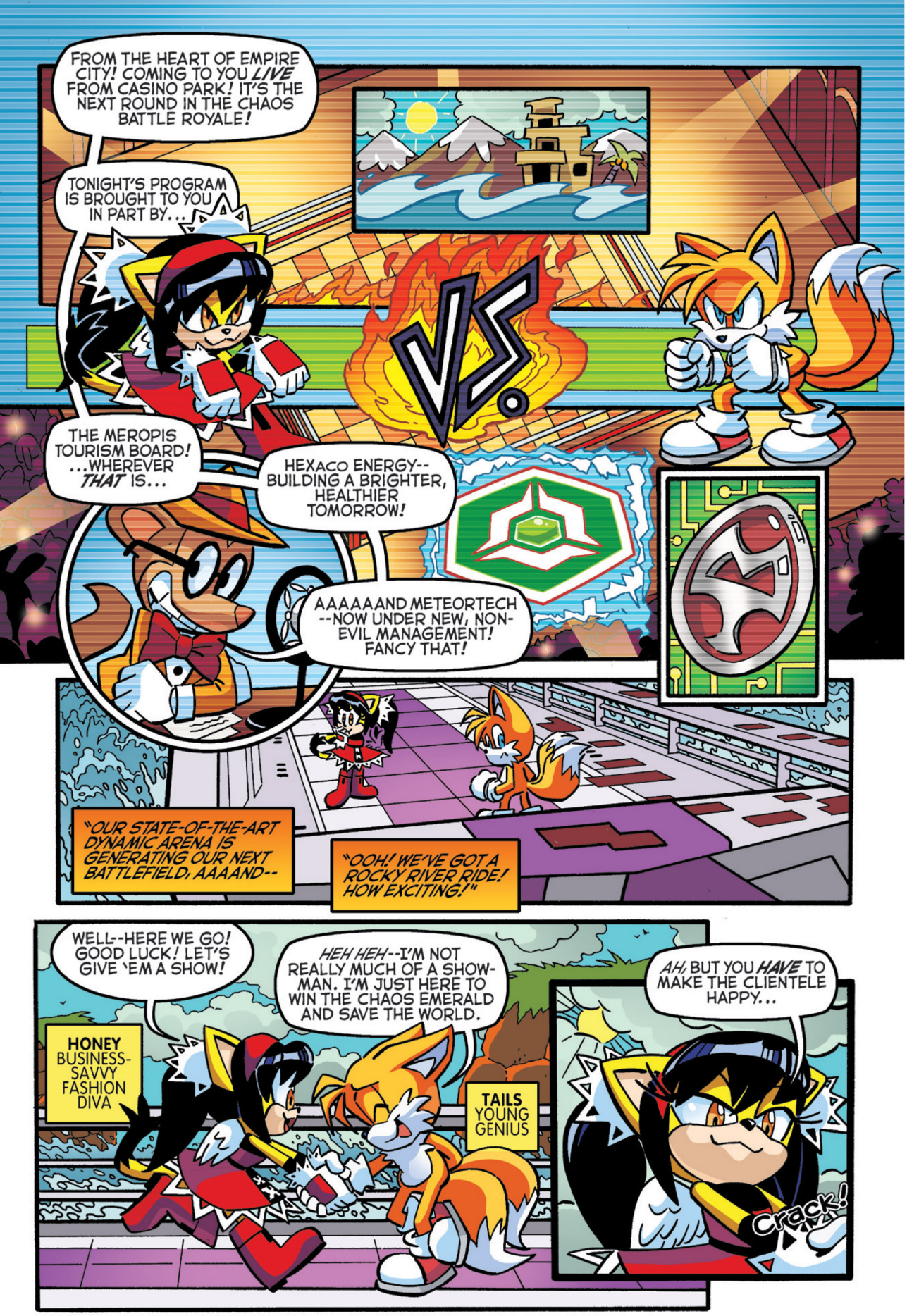
SLAM!
ARRRGH!
THAT WAS CLOSE.
I'VE GOT A HANDLE ON THIS WHOLE TRANS-FORMING-AT-NIGHT SCHTICK, BUT THE LAST THING THE WORLD NEEDS TO SEE RIGHT NOW IS THEIR FAVORITE BLUE HERO TURNING INTO... THIS. *
* STH 264-267--EDITOR.
FOMP!
I HATE SITTING STILL LIKE THIS--BUT I DUNNO WHAT ELSE TO DO.
AT LEAST I CAN WATCH AMY AND TAILS' FIGHTS AND CHEER THEM ON FROM HERE. TOO BAD SAL COULDN'T BUY MORE ENTRIES FOR THE TEAM...
click!

"...I WOULD'VE LIKED A FEW MORE FRIENDS ON OUR SIDE."
ESPIO CHAOTIX DETECTIVE
THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY. SONIC HAS WON HIS FIRST MATCH.
TAILS WILL FACE HONEY, WHO APPEARS TO BE AN ALLY. EITHER VICTOR IS STILL GOOD FOR OUR CAUSE.
AND AMY--
YAAAAAAA AAAAAAH!
PIKO!
...YEAH, AMY WILL BE FINE.
THE HOOLIGANS ARE MY ONLY CONCERN. I'LL BE FIGHTING BEAN FIRST-- BUT I CAN HANDLE THAT GABBERING DOPE.
I JUST WISH I COULD FIND KNUCKLES...

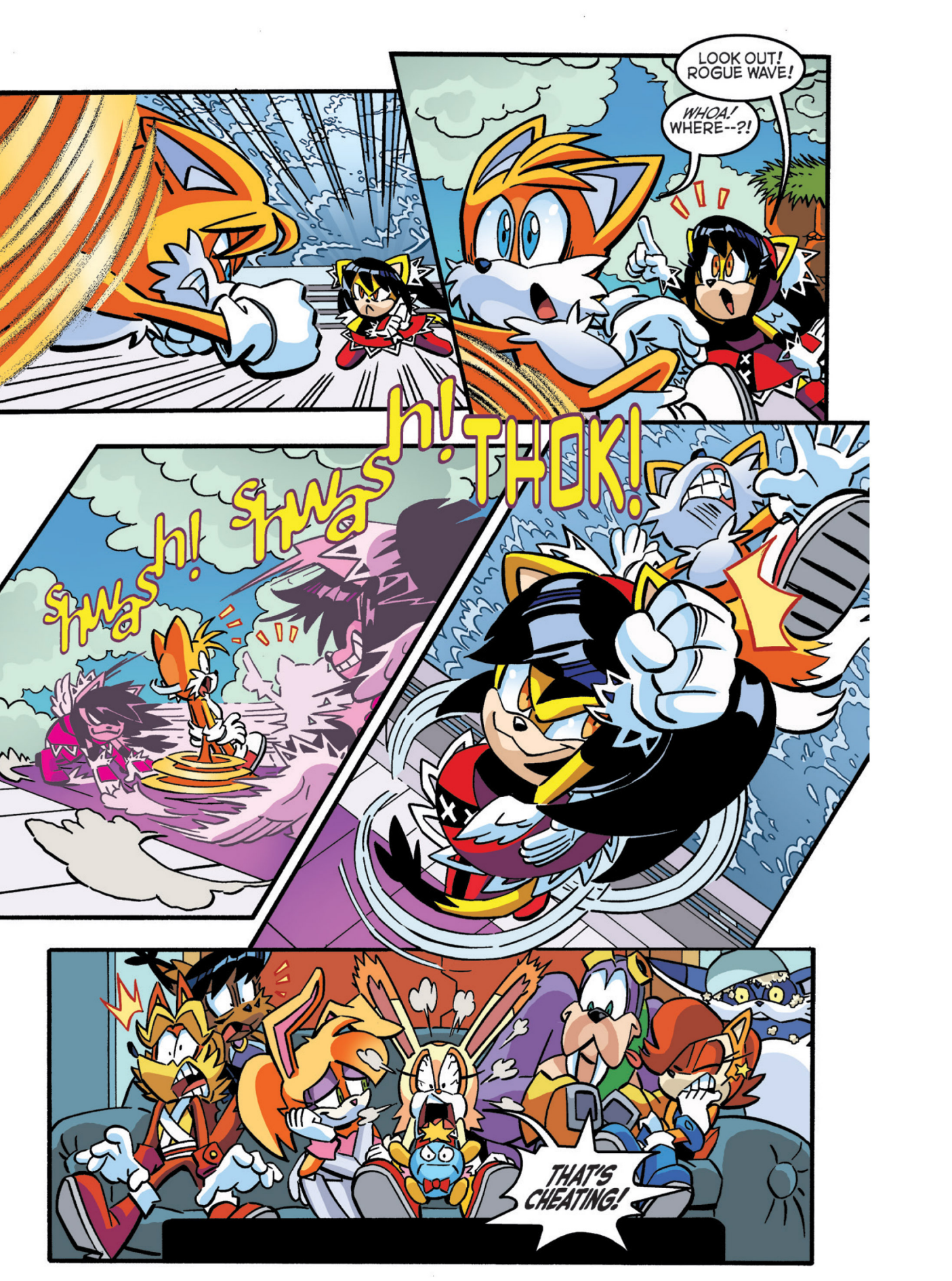
"...AND LET HIM KNOW I ADDED HIM TO THE ROSTER!"
CASINO PARK--GAMING HALL...
...AND THIS LITTLE NUMBER SET ME BACK QUITE A BIT! IT'S MADE BY THIS VERY EXCLUSIVE JEWELER--YOU WON'T HAVE HEARD OF HIM...
ACTUALLY--THAT'S A SHARD OF A LARGER GEM. YOU MUST'VE FOUND IT IN YOUR BACK-YARD OR SOMETHING.
IT BELONGS TO ME. I NEED IT BACK--NOW.
KNUCKLES
GUARDIAN ON A QUEST
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SIR, BUT I WEAR ONLY THE FINEST IN EXCLU-SIVE JEWELRY!
EXCUSE ME. I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN.
=HMPH!= INDEED!
HONESTLY! THEY SEEM TO LET ANY RIFF-RAFF IN HERE THESE DAYS!
CHIP
(SUPPOSEDLY) GREAT SPIRIT


...THIS IS A MASTER EMERALD SHARD, RIGHT? WE DIDN'T JUST ROB THAT LADY?
IT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, ALL RIGHT. I CAN FEEL ITS POWER.
I THOUGHT I WAS SENSING A LARGE CLUSTER OF THEM. BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, I REALIZE I WAS FEELING THE CHAOS EMERALD THEY'RE USING AS A PRIZE.
*KNUX SHATTERED THE MASTER EMERALD IN SU #70--EDITOR.
WELL, ONCE WE CAN GRAB THAT ONE, WE CAN ADD IT TO THE ONE I FOUND IN THE MINES, WE'LL BE THAT MUCH CLOSER TO SAVING THE WORLD!
YEAH...WHICH MEANS WE'RE ALSO THAT MUCH CLOSER TO DROPPING MY ISLAND INTO THE OCEAN...
OH, NEAT! ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT FIGHTERS HAS TWO TAILS!
WHAT THE-- TAILS?!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I SAID!
IF HE'S HERE, THAT MEANS SONIC PROBABLY IS, TOO. MAYBE WE CAN...
PSST! KNUCKLES!

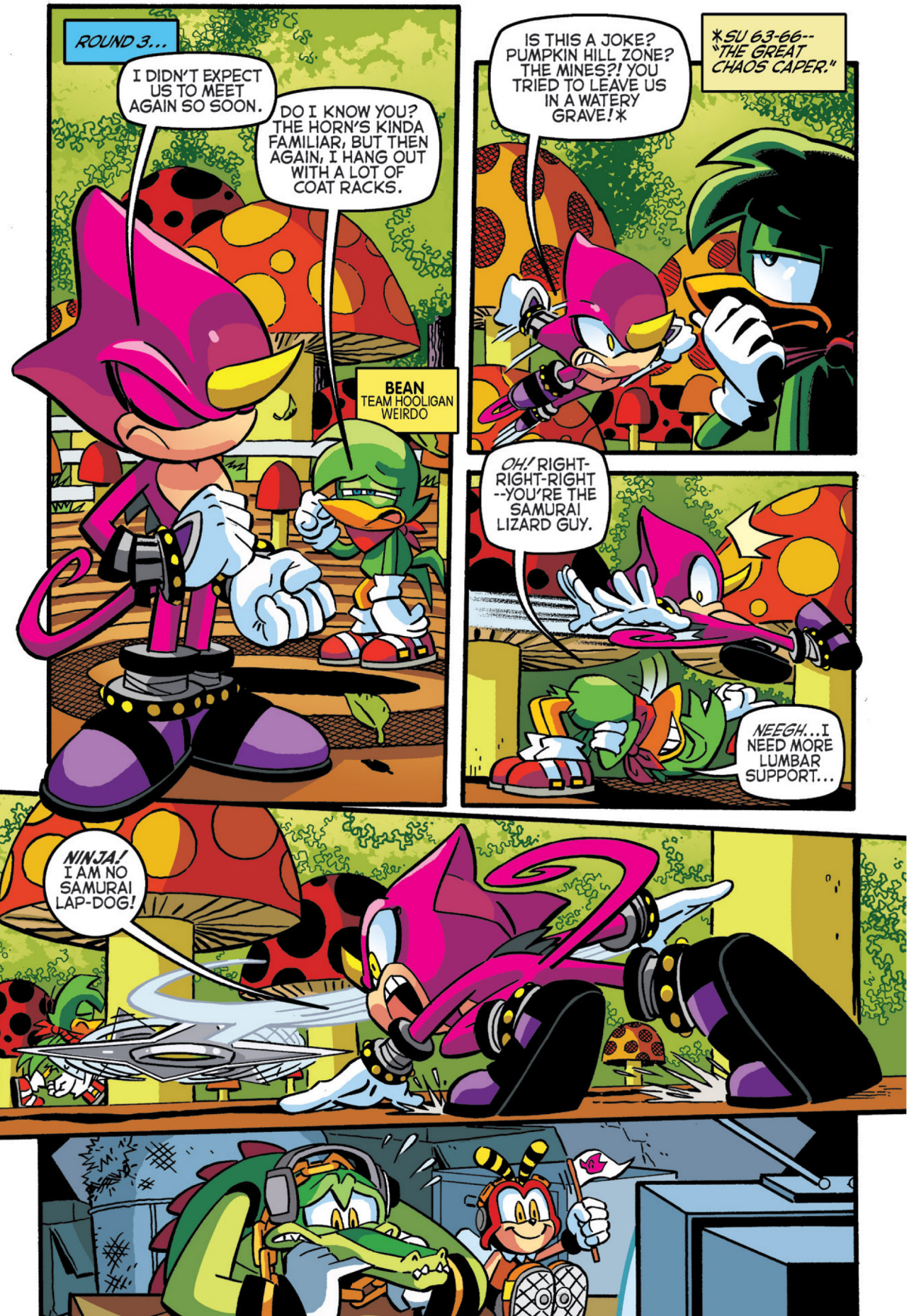
HEY! YOU! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
OH, NO! THE CELERY DECOY FAILED! THEY'RE ON TO US!
COME ON! YOU'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR ROUND IN THE TOURNAMENT! YOU WANT THAT EMERALD OR NOT?
???
BUH? WHEN DID I ENTER THE...
THIS IS PERFECT! YOU COULD JUST WIN...
...THE EMERALD!
HEY... YEAH! LUCKY US!

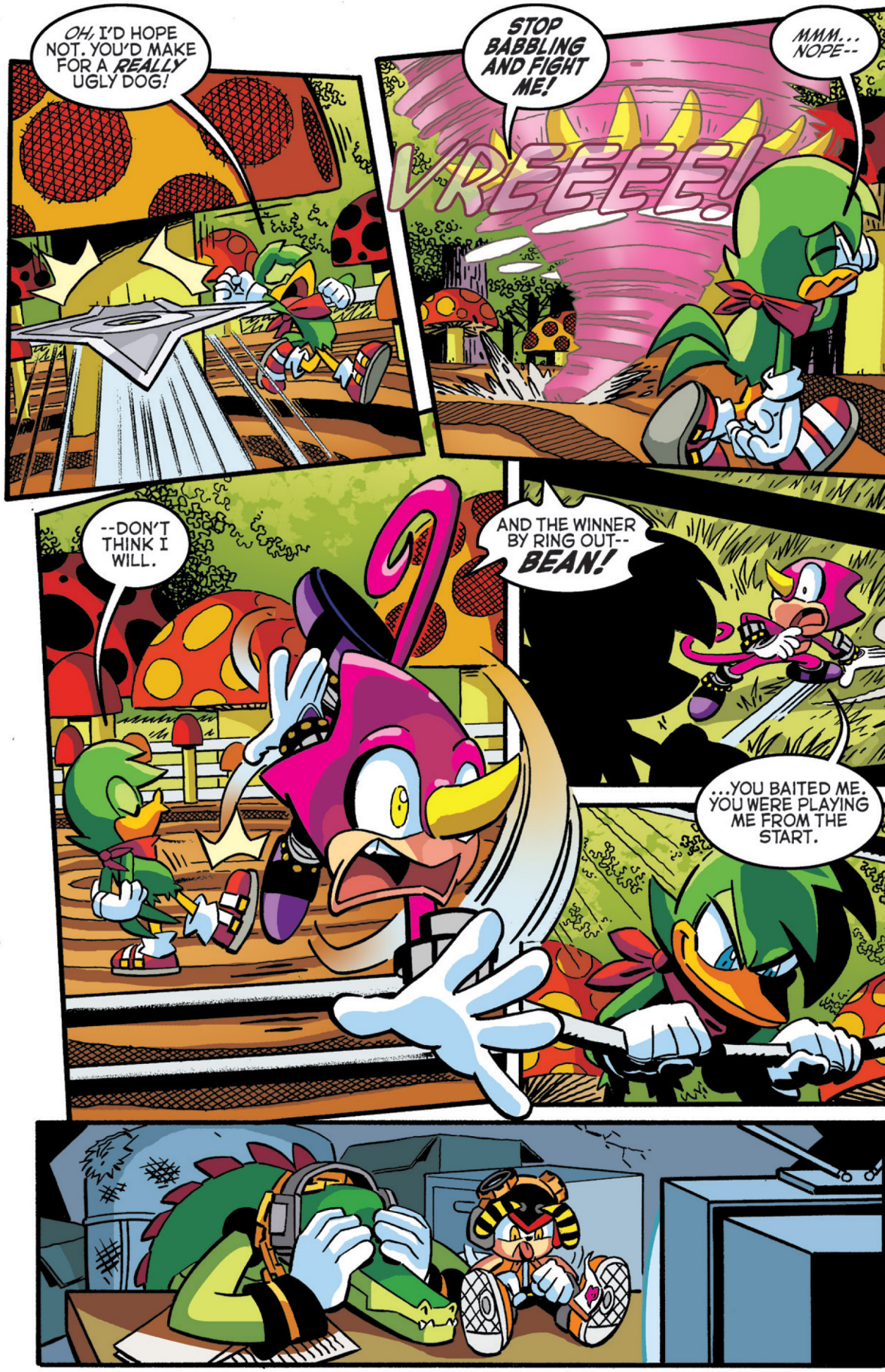

FROM THE HEART OF EMPIRE CITY! COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM CASINO PARK! IT'S THE NEXT ROUND IN THE CHAOS BATTLE ROYALE!
TONIGHT'S PROGRAM IS BROUGHT TO YOU IN PART BY...
VS.
THE MEROPIS TOURISM BOARD! ...WHEREVER THAT IS...
HEXACO ENERGY--BUILDING A BRIGHTER, HEALTHIER TOMORROW!
AAAAAAND METEORTECH --NOW UNDER NEW, NON-EVIL MANAGEMENT! FANCY THAT!
"OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART DYNAMIC ARENA IS GENERATING OUR NEXT BATTLEFIELD, AAAAND--
"OOH! WE'VE GOT A ROCKY RIVER RIDE! HOW EXCITING!"
WELL--HERE WE GO! GOOD LUCK! LET'S GIVE 'EM A SHOW!
HEH HEH--I'M NOT REALLY MUCH OF A SHOW-MAN. I'M JUST HERE TO WIN THE CHAOS EMERALD AND SAVE THE WORLD.
HONEY BUSINESS-SAVVY FASHION DIVA
TAILS YOUNG GENIUS
AH, BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE CLIENTELE HAPPY...
Crack!

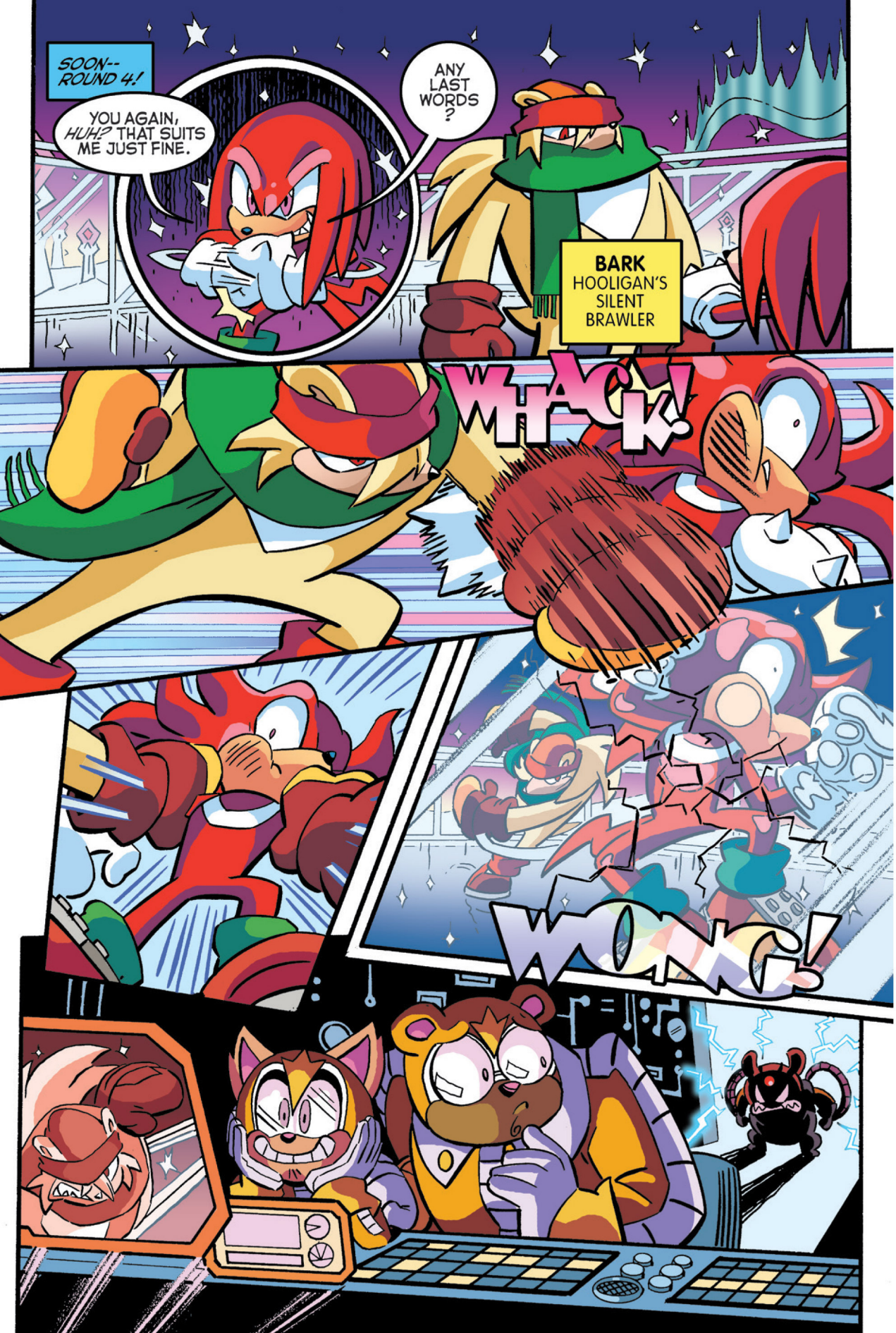
WOK!
FWIP-FWIP-FWIP!
VREEEE!


LOOK OUT! ROGUE WAVE!
WHOA! WHERE--?!
SWASH! SWASH! SWASH! THOK!
THAT'S CHEATING!

AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT-- HONEY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HELPING US?!
I AM. IF I WIN, THE CHAOS EMERALD IS YOURS. BUT THIS IS A FIGHTING TOURNEY, KIDDO. WE'RE HERE TO TUSSLE!
WELL, I'M NOT! YOU JUST ELIMINATED ME IN THE FIRST ROUND!
AND YOU CHEATED!
ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR --AND BUSINESS IS A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH. C'MON! I'LL MAKE AMENDS. I KNOW JUST THE LOOK FOR YOU!
UH, ...?


ROUND 3...
I DIDN'T EXPECT US TO MEET AGAIN SO SOON.
DO I KNOW YOU? THE HORN'S KINDA FAMILIAR, BUT THEN AGAIN, I HANG OUT WITH A LOT OF COAT RACKS.
BEAN
TEAM HOOLIGAN WEIRDO
IS THIS A JOKE? PUMPKIN HILL ZONE? THE MINES?! YOU TRIED TO LEAVE US IN A WATERY GRAVE!*
*SU 63-66-- "THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER."
OH! RIGHT-RIGHT-RIGHT --YOU'RE THE SAMURAI LIZARD GUY.
NEEGH...I NEED MORE LUMBAR SUPPORT...
NINJA! I AM NO SAMURAI LAP-DOG!

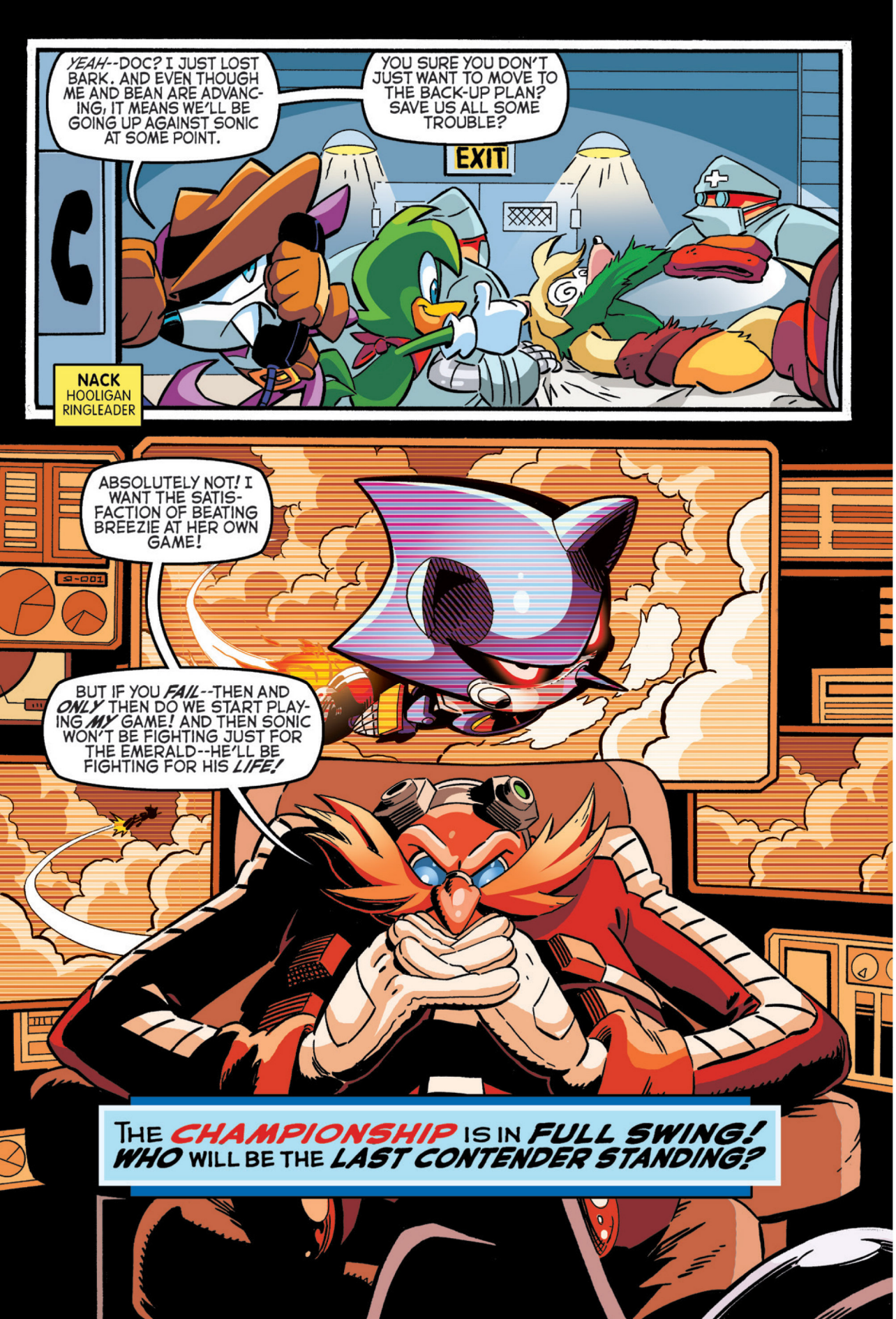

OH, I'D HOPE NOT. YOU'D MAKE FOR A REALLY UGLY DOG!
STOP BABBLING AND FIGHT ME!
VREEEE!
MMM... NOPE--
--DON'T THINK I WILL.
AND THE WINNER BY RING OUT-- BEAN!
...YOU BAITED ME. YOU WERE PLAYING ME FROM THE START.


SOON-- ROUND 4!
YOU AGAIN, HUH? THAT SUITS ME JUST FINE.
ANY LAST WORDS?
BARK HOOLIGAN'S SILENT BRAWLER
WHACK!
WONG!

CRASH!
WHUD!
CLUD!

POW!
POW!
WHAMMMO!

AND THE WINNER BY KNOCKOUT-- KNUCKLES!
WOO! WAY TO GO, KNUCKLES!
I COULD'VE DONE THAT...
OH, STOP POUTING! WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW KNUCKLES WAS COMPETING! THAT'S SOMEBODY ELSE ON OUR SIDE! AND HONEY AND I ARE BOTH ADVANCING!
YOU GOTTA LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, KIDDO. FOR INSTANCE, NOW THAT YOU'RE ELIMINATED...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT KNUCKLES. AMY, ON THE OTHER HAND...
WAIT-- WHAT?! I'M FIGHTING KNUCKLES?!
YEP...AND I GET SONIC.


YEAH--DOC? I JUST LOST BARK. AND EVEN THOUGH ME AND BEAN ARE ADVANCING, IT MEANS WE'LL BE GOING UP AGAINST SONIC AT SOME POINT.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T JUST WANT TO MOVE TO THE BACK-UP PLAN? SAVE US ALL SOME TROUBLE?
EXIT
NACK
HOOLIGAN
RINGLEADER
ABSOLUTELY NOT! I WANT THE SATISFACTION OF BEATING BREEZIE AT HER OWN GAME!
BUT IF YOU FAIL--THEN AND ONLY THEN DO WE START PLAYING MY GAME! AND THEN SONIC WON'T BE FIGHTING JUST FOR THE EMERALD--HE'LL BE FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE!
THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS IN FULL SWING! WHO WILL BE THE LAST CONTENDER STANDING?

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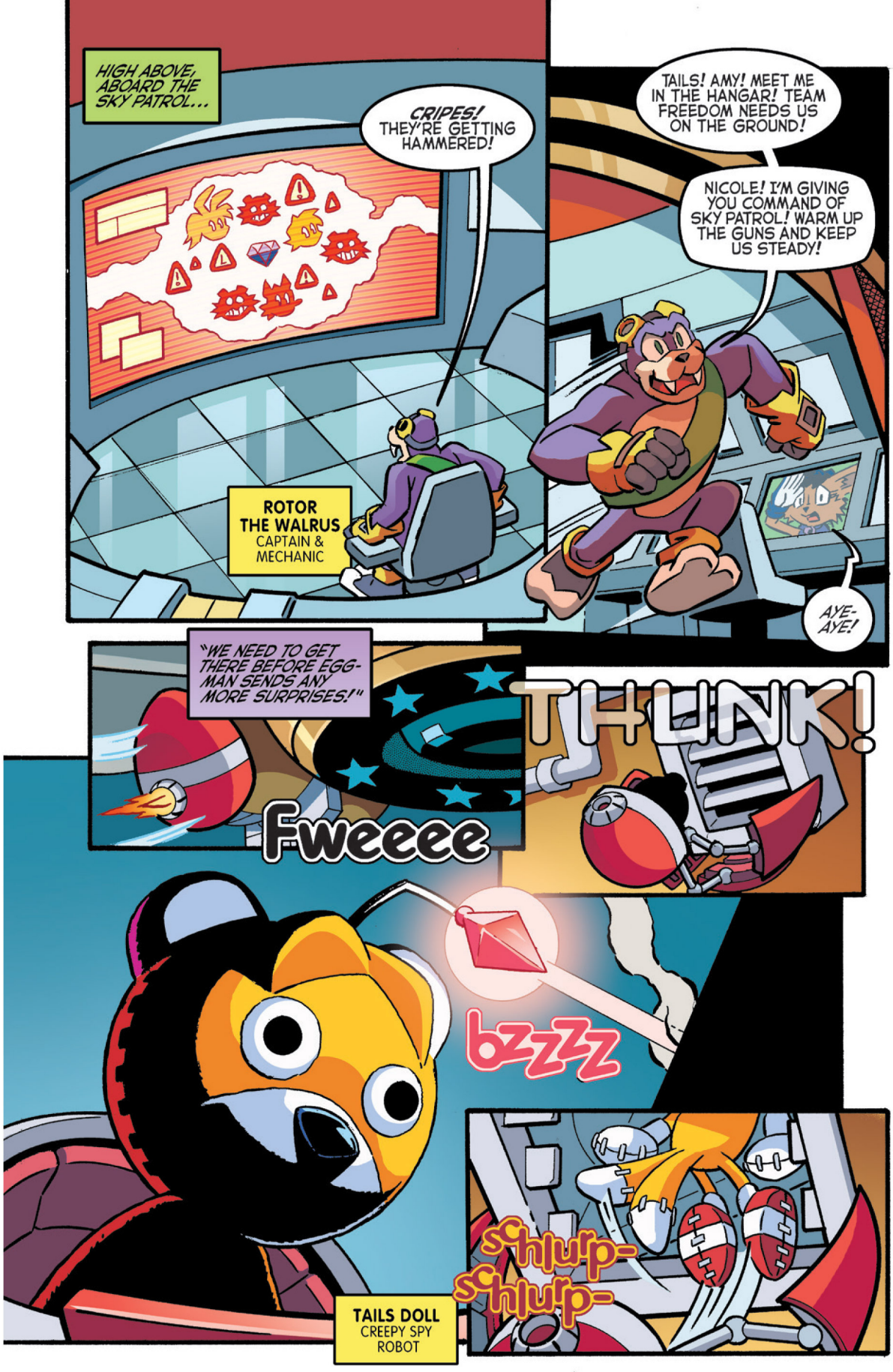
READY TO LOSE AGAIN, OLD MAN?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO WINS OR LOSES. IT'S HOW YOU RUN THE RACE.
SWOOSH!
THUMP!

HAHA--FIRST PLACE AGAIN, GRAMPS!
HEY! THAT'S CHEATING!
...IS THAT CHEATING?
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
PASSIVE POWERHOUSE
RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL
SUNNY FLYER
A RACE WELL RUN, MY FRIEND.
YOU TOO, SHAGGY!
I CAN SEE YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MY TEACHING TO HEART.
YEAH! I THINK I GET IT NOW! MY BODY'S CHANGED, BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE ME!
ALL THE SPEED AND POWER'S THERE--I JUST GOTTA UNLEASH IT DIFFERENTLY!
SAME SONIC--NEW FLOW TO MY MOJO!
THE LOOK'S A BIT MUCH, THOUGH.
MEH. SO I GOTTA USE EXTRA SHAMPOO NOW. Y'KNOW, I ALWAYS WONDERED IF I'D GET BETTER TRACTION IN CLEATS...
YOUR PROGRESS HAS BEEN INSPIRING. WHILE YOU COULD USE MORE TRAINING, I KNOW YOU ARE EAGER TO RETURN TO YOUR FRIENDS.
YOU GOT IT. THE WORLD STILL NEEDS SAVING, AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT STUNT EGGMAN'S GOING TO PULL NEXT--
KRA-KOOM!

ZZZZT!
FLYING DYNAMO SUPER BADNIK
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM ?!
IT'S A SUPER-BADNIK! THUNDERBOLT MUST HAVE SENT IT!
SWEET! ALL THAT RACE DID WAS MAKE ME HUNGRY FOR MORE COMPETITION!
ZOT!
WELL, THEN--BON APPETIT.
HAHA! NOW YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE 'TWAN!
ARRROOOOO!

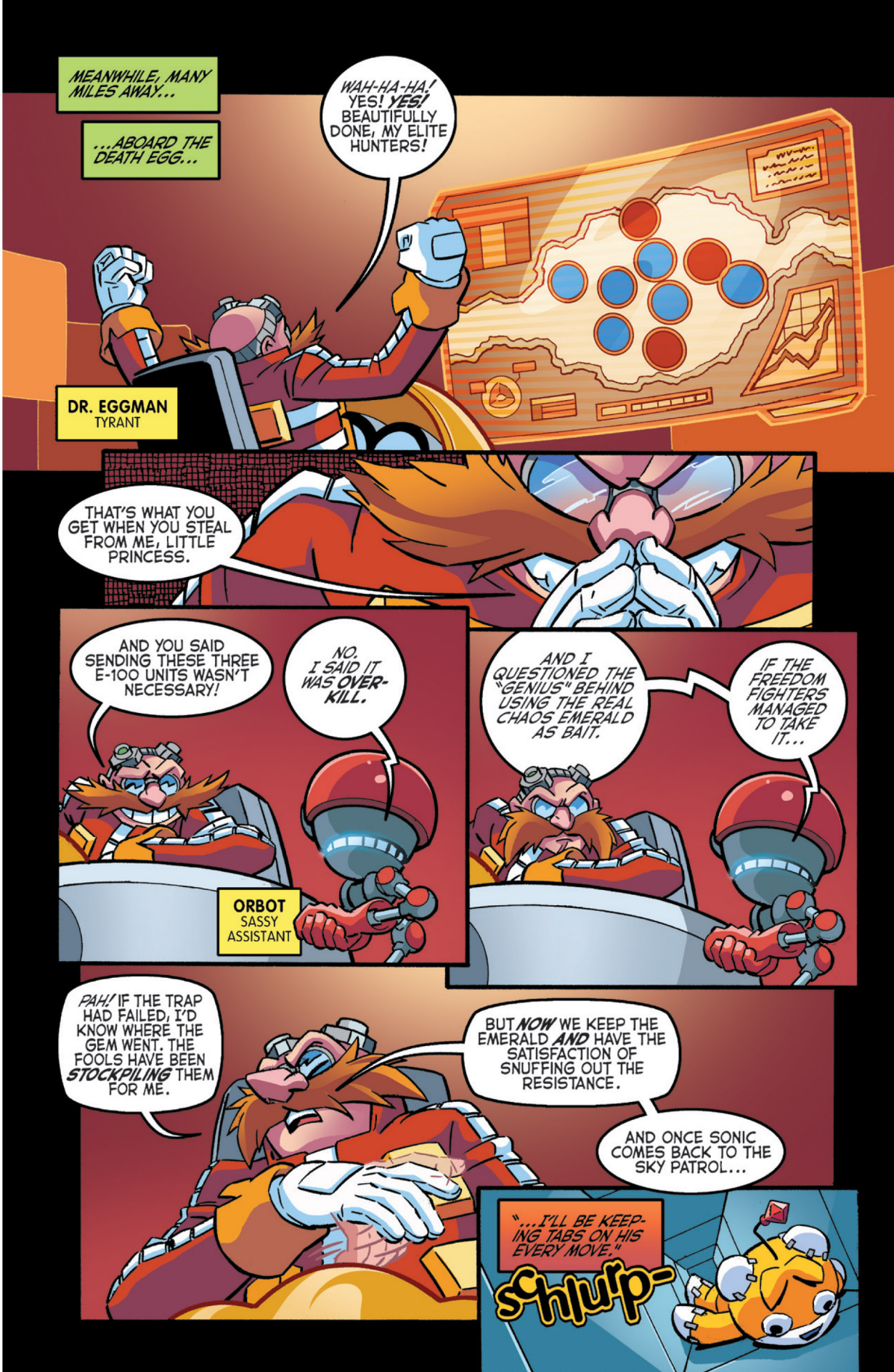
SAND HILL ZONE...
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!
SALLY ACORN
PRINCESS & TACTICIAN
ANTOINE! BUNNIE! I NEED SUPPORT!
E-110 LAMBDA
ELITE SUPER-BADNIK
VREEEE!
CRUUUUNCH
IF'N Y'ALL CAN LURE EGGMAN'S BOTS INTO RANGE, AH CAN TRY TO BLAST 'EM--
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE
THE RABBOT
--BUT AH CAN'T DO A DURN THING WHILE THAT FLYIN' ONE HAS ME PINNED DOWN!
WITH ALL ZE RESPECTING ZAT IS DUE-- WE ALL NEED ZE SUPPORT!
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE
SWORDSMAN
E-109 KAPPA
ALSO OF THE ELITE E-100 SERIES
E-108 IOTA
AERIAL E-100 UNIT

I SEE IT! YOU SHOULD BE CLEAR FOR THIRTY SECONDS!
I'M SEVEN O'CLOCK-LOW FROM YOUR POSITION!
ROGER THAT, SALLY-GIRL! AH'LL BLAST THAT--
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
AHHHH!
NO!
HANG ON! I'LL--
NNNGH!
-POW-POW-POW-POW!


HIGH ABOVE, ABOARD THE SKY PATROL...
CRIPES! THEY'RE GETTING HAMMERED!
ROTOR THE WALRUS CAPTAIN & MECHANIC
TAILS! AMY! MEET ME IN THE HANGAR! TEAM FREEDOM NEEDS US ON THE GROUND!
NICOLE! I'M GIVING YOU COMMAND OF SKY PATROL! WARM UP THE GUNS AND KEEP US STEADY!
AYE-AYE!
"WE NEED TO GET THERE BEFORE EGG-MAN SENDS ANY MORE SURPRISES!"
Fweeee
THUNK!
bzzzz
schlurp-schlurp-
TAILS DOLL CREEPY SPY ROBOT

BUNNIE! ARE YOU --?
AH GOTCHA COVERED! GET THE EMERALD SO WE CAN GET OUTTA HERE!
BOOM!
FWA-BOOM!
BREEP!
POW -POW
-POW -POW!
VREEEE!

SAL! THE CAVALRY'S HERE!
PERFECT TIMING!
SHING!
SLAM!
KZZT!
THIS MISSION'S A BUST. WE NEED TO--
TACTICALLY RETREAT-- AGREED. EVERYONE BACK TO THE SKY PATROL! WE'LL BLAST THE E-100'S FROM ON HIGH, THEN GET--
--THE EMERALD ?!
BWOOOSH!
BOOM!
BOOM!
VORP!
VORP!
VORP!

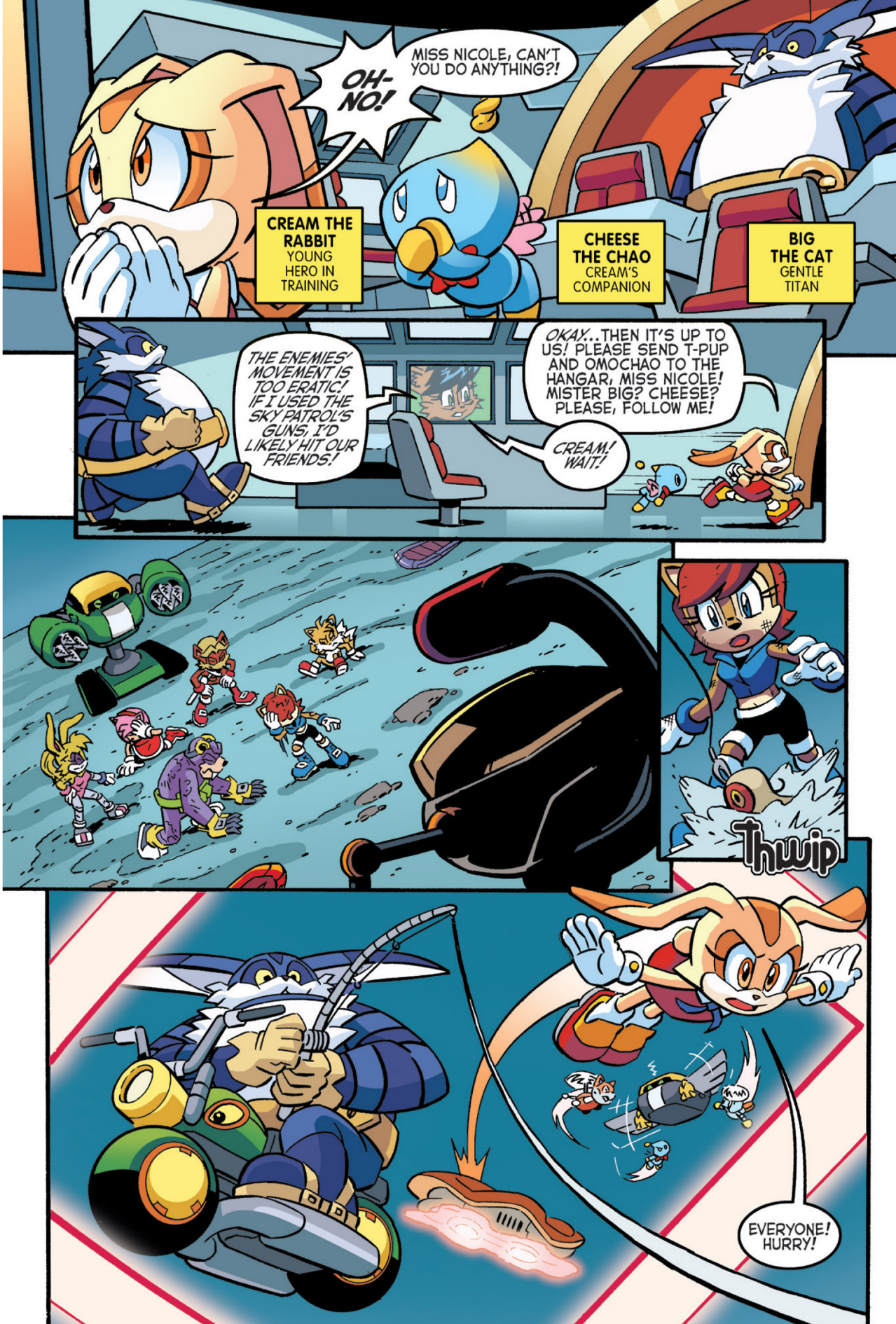

MEANWHILE, MANY MILES AWAY...
...ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
WAH-HA-HA! YES! YES! BEAUTIFULLY DONE, MY ELITE HUNTERS!
DR. EGGMAN
TYRANT
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU STEAL FROM ME, LITTLE PRINCESS.
AND YOU SAID SENDING THESE THREE E-100 UNITS WASN'T NECESSARY!
NO. I SAID IT WAS OVER-KILL.
ORBOT
SASSY ASSISTANT
AND I QUESTIONED THE "GENIUS" BEHIND USING THE REAL CHAOS EMERALD AS BAIT.
IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS MANAGED TO TAKE IT...
PAH! IF THE TRAP HAD FAILED, I'D KNOW WHERE THE GEM WENT. THE FOOLS HAVE BEEN STOCKPILING THEM FOR ME.
BUT NOW WE KEEP THE EMERALD AND HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF SNUFFING OUT THE RESISTANCE.
AND ONCE SONIC COMES BACK TO THE SKY PATROL...
"...I'LL BE KEEPING TABS ON HIS EVERY MOVE."
schlurp-

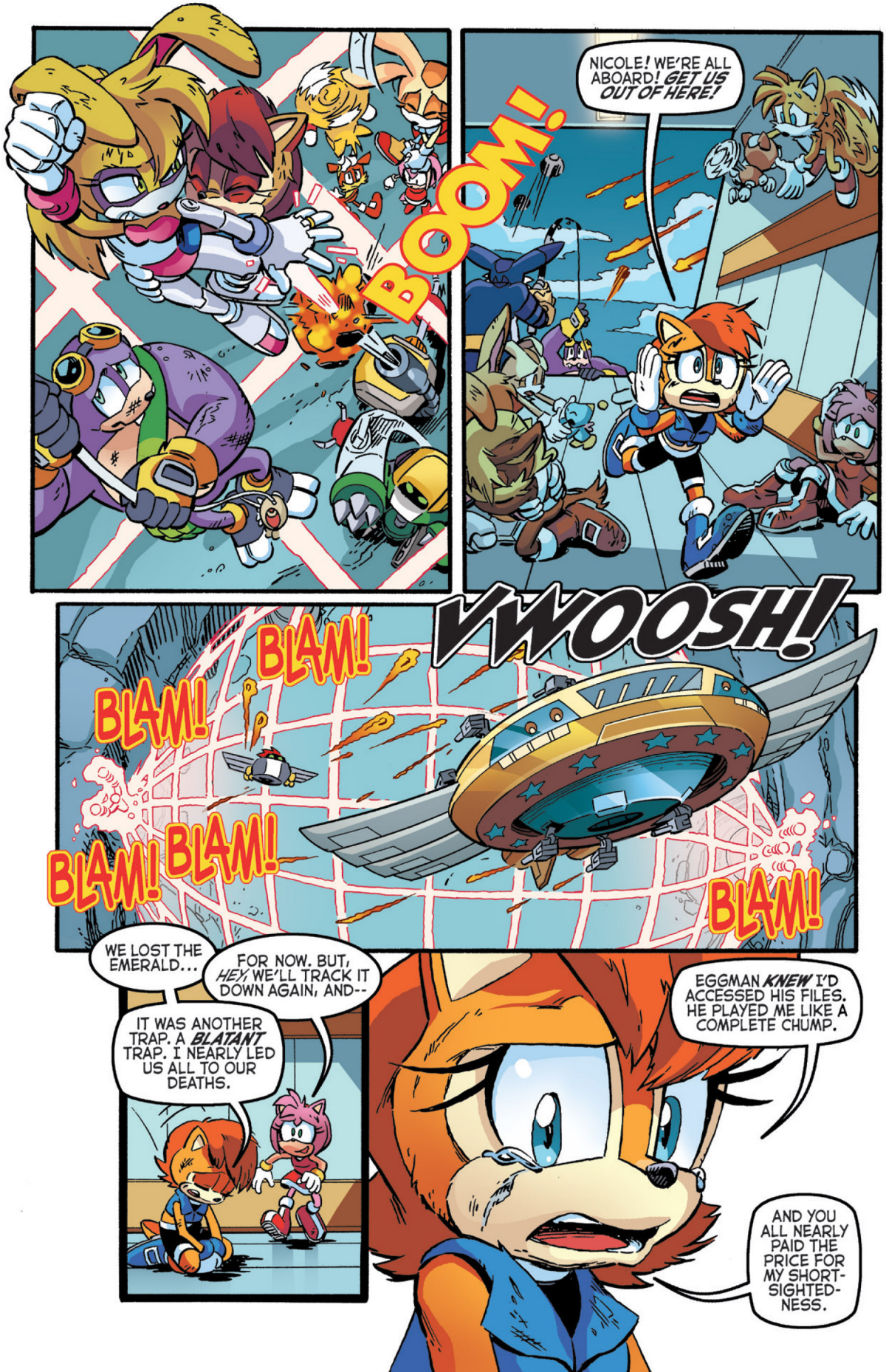
BACK IN ROCKY JUNGLE ZONE...
ZOT!
RRRRGH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'M GONNA SMELL LIKE BURNT FUR FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
IF I COULD JUST GET IN CLOSE, THIS'D BE OVER IN A SECOND, BUT--
ZOT!
--IT'S NOT LEAVING US AN OPENING!
...THEN WE'LL MAKE AN OPENING!
WOO! SOUNDS LIKE HE HAS A PLAN!
RAY! KEEP IT DISTRACTED FOR A MINUTE! MIGHTY! FOLLOW ME!
I HOPE IT'S BETTER THAN THAT ONE-LINER.

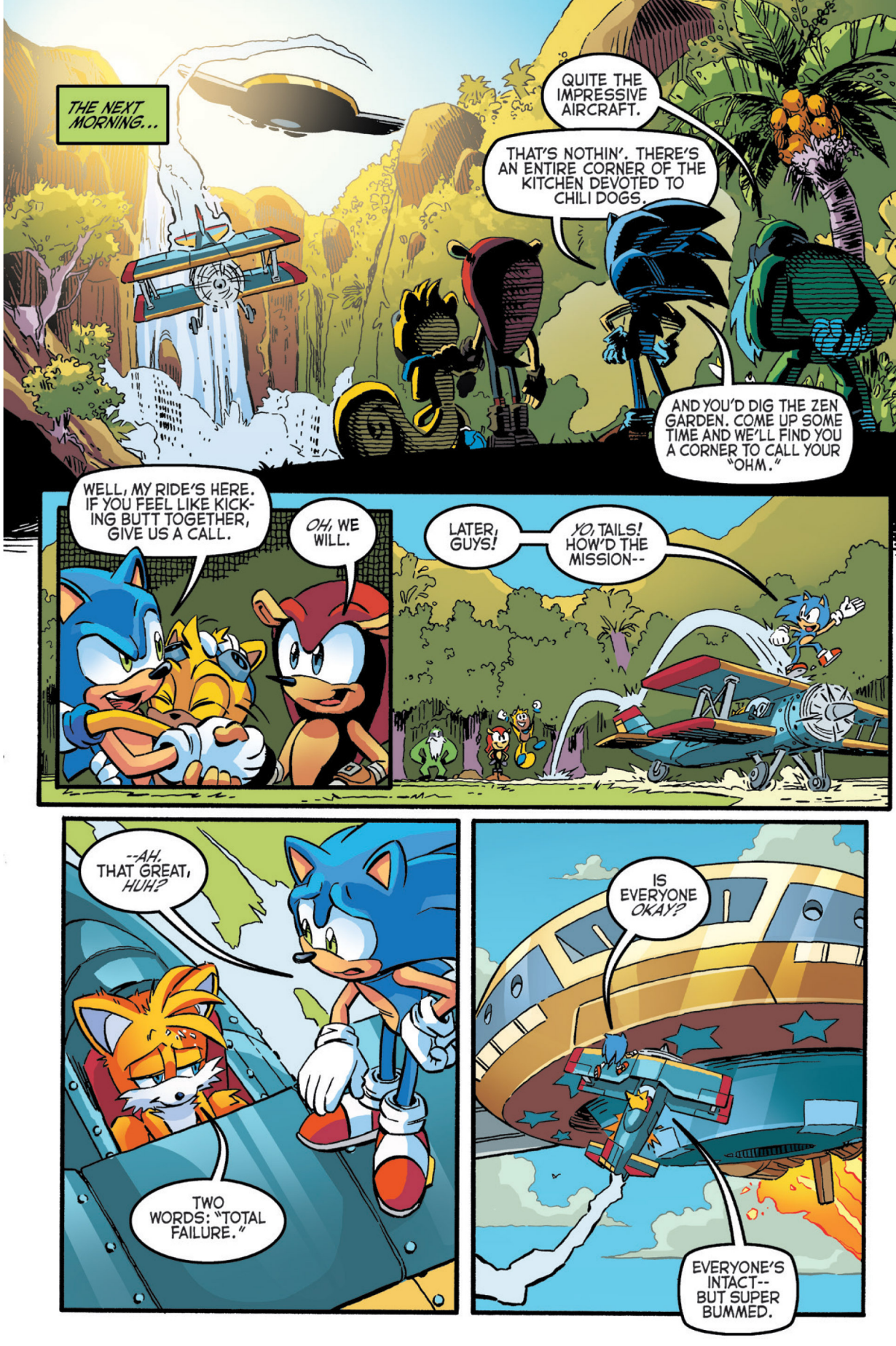
ZOT!
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WISE?
YOU'RE THE GURU --YOU TELL ME!
ANNNND-- NOW!
CLANG!
WHUD!
THWOOMP

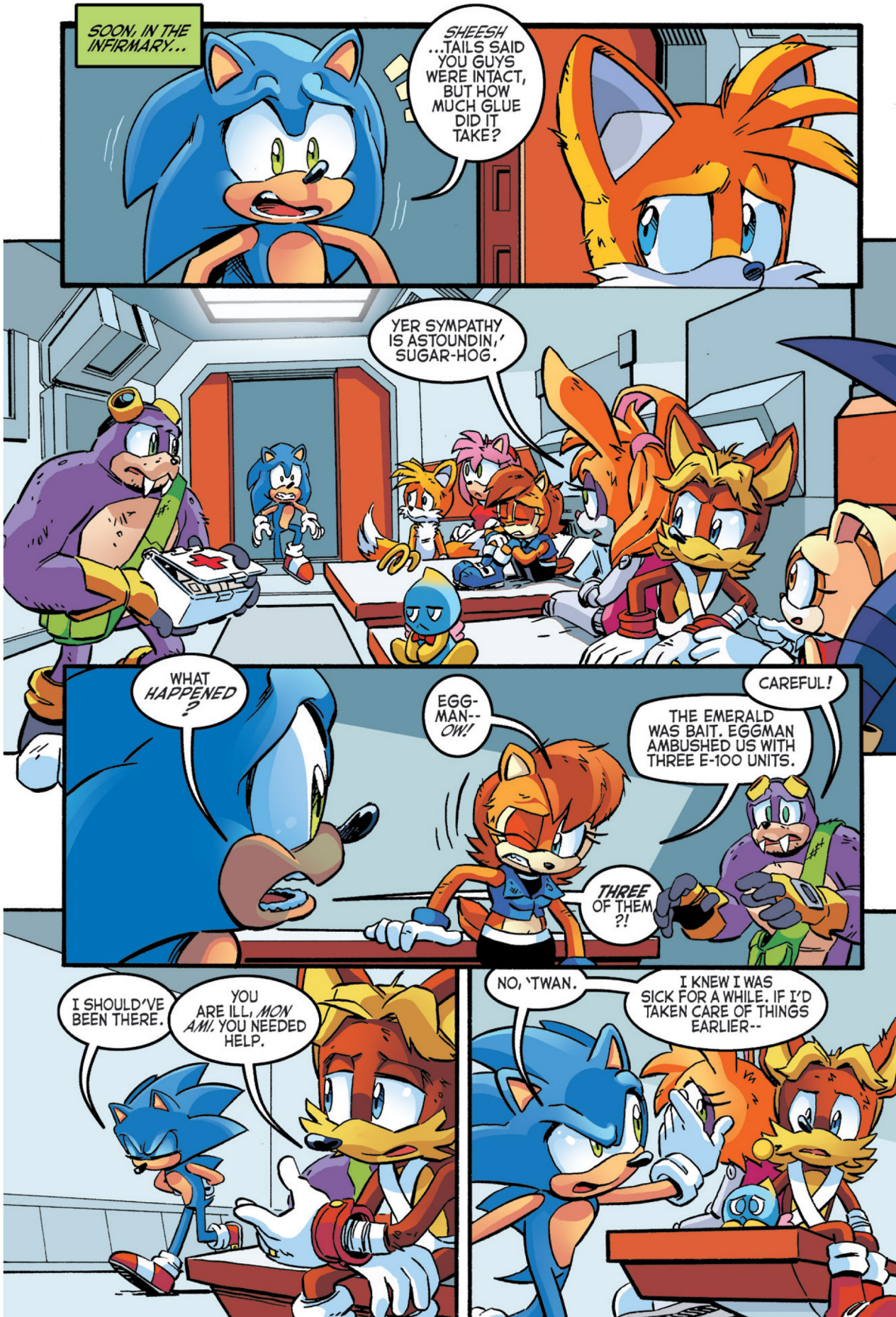
SHRRRIP!
WHA-BOOM!
HAHAHA --WOW!
I WONDER WHAT THUNDERBOLT WILL THINK OF THAT!
WERE-BRO FIST!
CLUD
OFFLINE
KIZZZT!

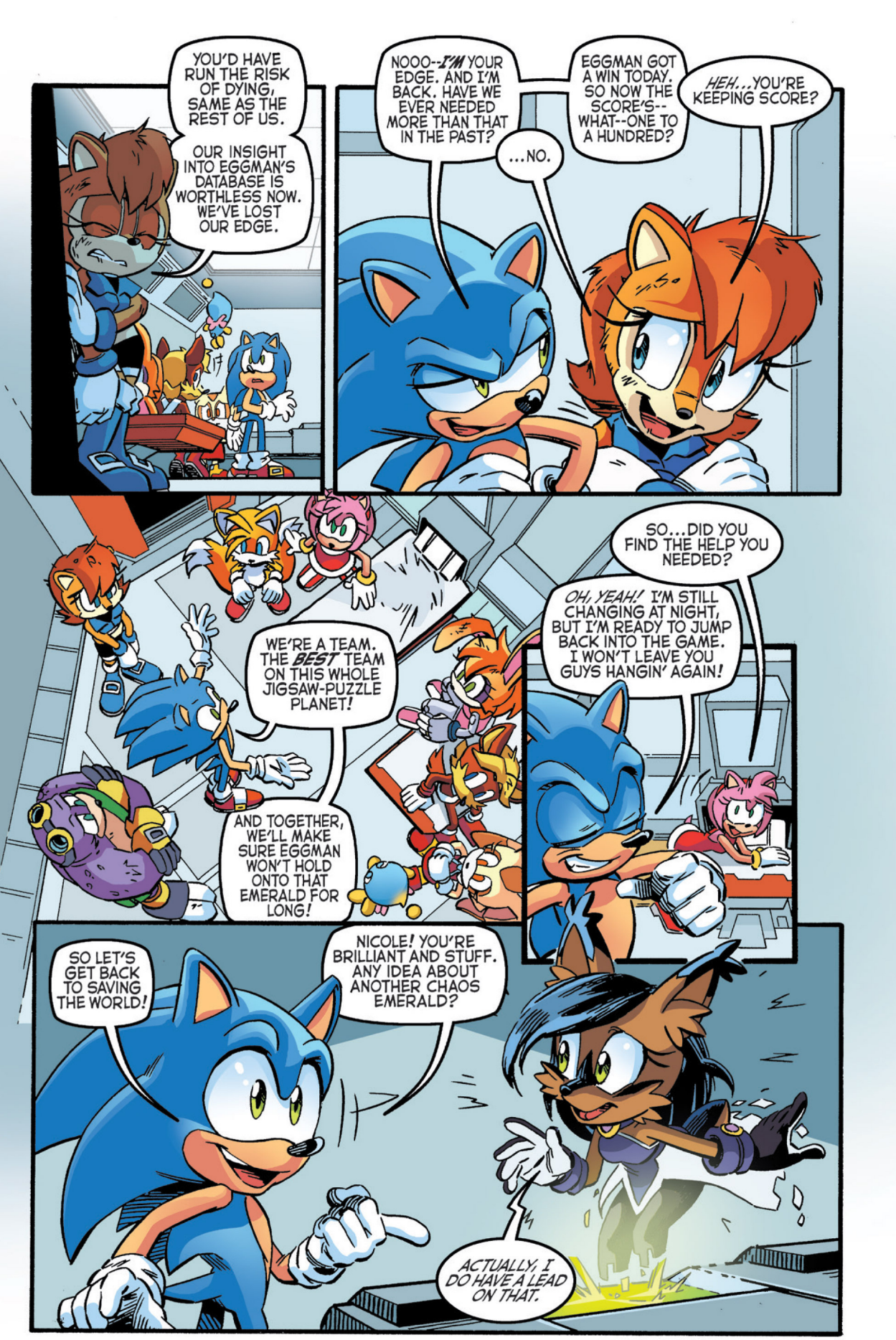
SAND HILL ZONE...
NO WAY TWO OF US ON AN AIRBOARD CAN GET THROUGH.
BUT ONE CAN--WE'LL LIE ON OUR STOMACHS! BUNNIE! TAILS! TAKE FLIGHT! ANTOINE, GET TO THE SPARE AIRBOARD!
WE'RE ONE AIR-BOARD SHORT, AND WE'RE NOT LEAVING YOU BEHIND!
THEN BUNNIE CAN CARRY ME!
WE WON'T MAKE IT PAST THAT FLYIN' BOT!
GUYS! INCOMING! DIRECTLY BELOW!
pthoomp!
BOOM!

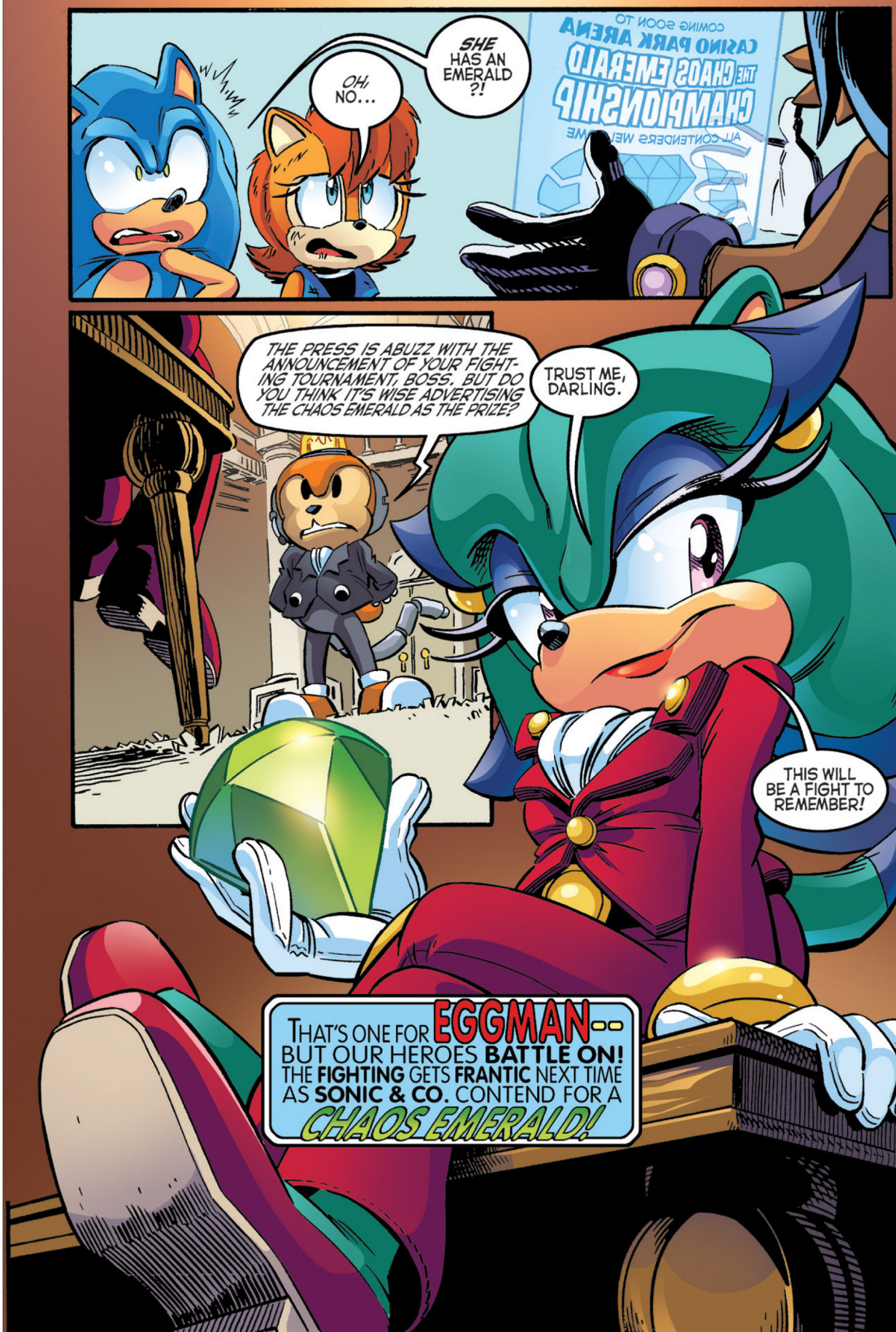

OH-NO!
MISS NICOLE, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING?!
CREAM THE RABBIT
YOUNG HERO IN TRAINING
CHEESE THE CHAO
CREAM'S COMPANION
BIG THE CAT
GENTLE TITAN
THE ENEMIES' MOVEMENT IS TOO ERATIC! IF I USED THE SKY PATROL'S GUNS, I'D LIKELY HIT OUR FRIENDS!
OKAY...THEN IT'S UP TO US! PLEASE SEND T-PUP AND OMOCHAO TO THE HANGAR, MISS NICOLE! MISTER BIG? CHEESE? PLEASE, FOLLOW ME!
CREAM! WAIT!
Thwip
EVERYONE! HURRY!


BOOM!
NICOLE! WE'RE ALL ABOARD! GET US OUT OF HERE!
VWOOSH!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
WE LOST THE EMERALD...
FOR NOW. BUT, HEY, WE'LL TRACK IT DOWN AGAIN, AND--
IT WAS ANOTHER TRAP. A BLATANT TRAP. I NEARLY LED US ALL TO OUR DEATHS.
EGGMAN KNEW I'D ACCESSED HIS FILES. HE PLAYED ME LIKE A COMPLETE CHUMP.
AND YOU ALL NEARLY PAID THE PRICE FOR MY SHORT-SIGHTED-NESS.


THE NEXT MORNING...
QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE AIRCRAFT.
THAT'S NOTHIN'. THERE'S AN ENTIRE CORNER OF THE KITCHEN DEVOTED TO CHILI DOGS.
AND YOU'D DIG THE ZEN GARDEN. COME UP SOME TIME AND WE'LL FIND YOU A CORNER TO CALL YOUR "OHM."
WELL, MY RIDE'S HERE. IF YOU FEEL LIKE KICKING BUTT TOGETHER, GIVE US A CALL.
OH, WE WILL.
LATER, GUYS!
YO, TAILS! HOW'D THE MISSION--
--AH, THAT GREAT, HUH?
TWO WORDS: "TOTAL FAILURE."
IS EVERYONE OKAY?
EVERYONE'S INTACT-- BUT SUPER BUMMED.


SOON, IN THE INFIRMARY...
SHEESH ...TAILS SAID YOU GUYS WERE INTACT, BUT HOW MUCH GLUE DID IT TAKE?
YER SYMPATHY IS ASTOUNDIN,' SUGAR-HOG.
WHAT HAPPENED?
EGG-MAN-- OW!
CAREFUL!
THE EMERALD WAS BAIT. EGGMAN AMBUSHED US WITH THREE E-100 UNITS.
THREE OF THEM?!
I SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE.
YOU ARE ILL, MON AMI. YOU NEEDED HELP.
NO, 'TWAN.
I KNEW I WAS SICK FOR A WHILE. IF I'D TAKEN CARE OF THINGS EARLIER--


YOU'D HAVE RUN THE RISK OF DYING, SAME AS THE REST OF US.
OUR INSIGHT INTO EGGMAN'S DATABASE IS WORTHLESS NOW. WE'VE LOST OUR EDGE.
NOOO--I'M YOUR EDGE. AND I'M BACK. HAVE WE EVER NEEDED MORE THAN THAT IN THE PAST?
...NO.
EGGMAN GOT A WIN TODAY. SO NOW THE SCORE'S--WHAT--ONE TO A HUNDRED?
HEH...YOU'RE KEEPING SCORE?
SO...DID YOU FIND THE HELP YOU NEEDED?
OH, YEAH! I'M STILL CHANGING AT NIGHT, BUT I'M READY TO JUMP BACK INTO THE GAME. I WON'T LEAVE YOU GUYS HANGIN' AGAIN!
WE'RE A TEAM. THE BEST TEAM ON THIS WHOLE JIGSAW-PUZZLE PLANET!
AND TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE SURE EGGMAN WON'T HOLD ONTO THAT EMERALD FOR LONG!
SO LET'S GET BACK TO SAVING THE WORLD!
NICOLE! YOU'RE BRILLIANT AND STUFF. ANY IDEA ABOUT ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?
ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE A LEAD ON THAT.


SHE HAS AN EMERALD ?!
OH, NO...
COMING SOON TO
CASINO PARK ARENA
THE CHAOS EMERALD CHAMPIONSHIP
ALL CONTENDERS WELCOME
THE PRESS IS ABUZZ WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR FIGHTING TOURNAMENT, BOSS. BUT DO YOU THINK IT'S WISE ADVERTISING THE CHAOS EMERALD AS THE PRIZE?
TRUST ME, DARLING.
THIS WILL BE A FIGHT TO REMEMBER!
THAT'S ONE FOR EGGMAN-- BUT OUR HEROES BATTLE ON! THE FIGHTING GETS FRANTIC NEXT TIME AS SONIC & CO. CONTEND FOR A CHAOS EMERALD!

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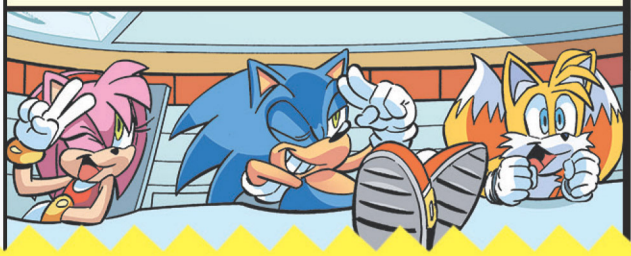

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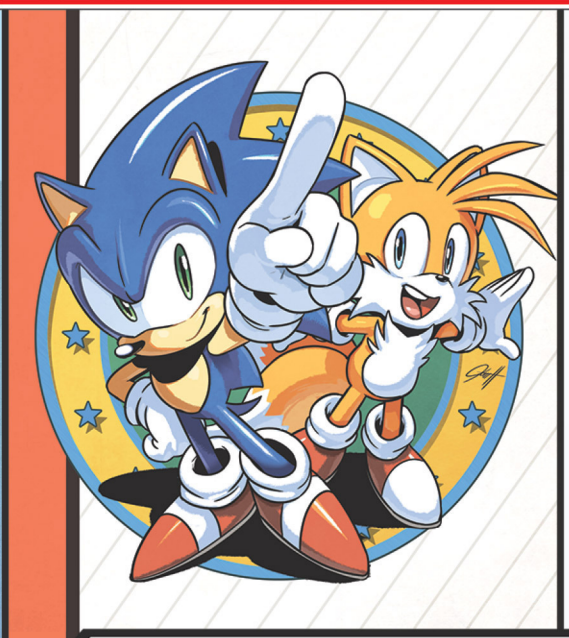

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